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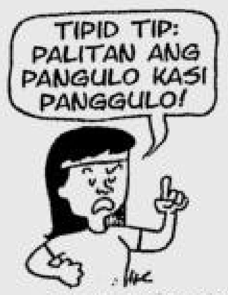
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By Jerome Aning

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Jarque left AFP but didn't stop trying to reform it

By TJ Burgonio

MULTI-AWARDED Army Capt. Rene Jarque shed his uniform in 1998, but he did not stop fighting the "evils" in the Armed Forces in order to reform the institution that he had served.

Even after he had moved to the corporate

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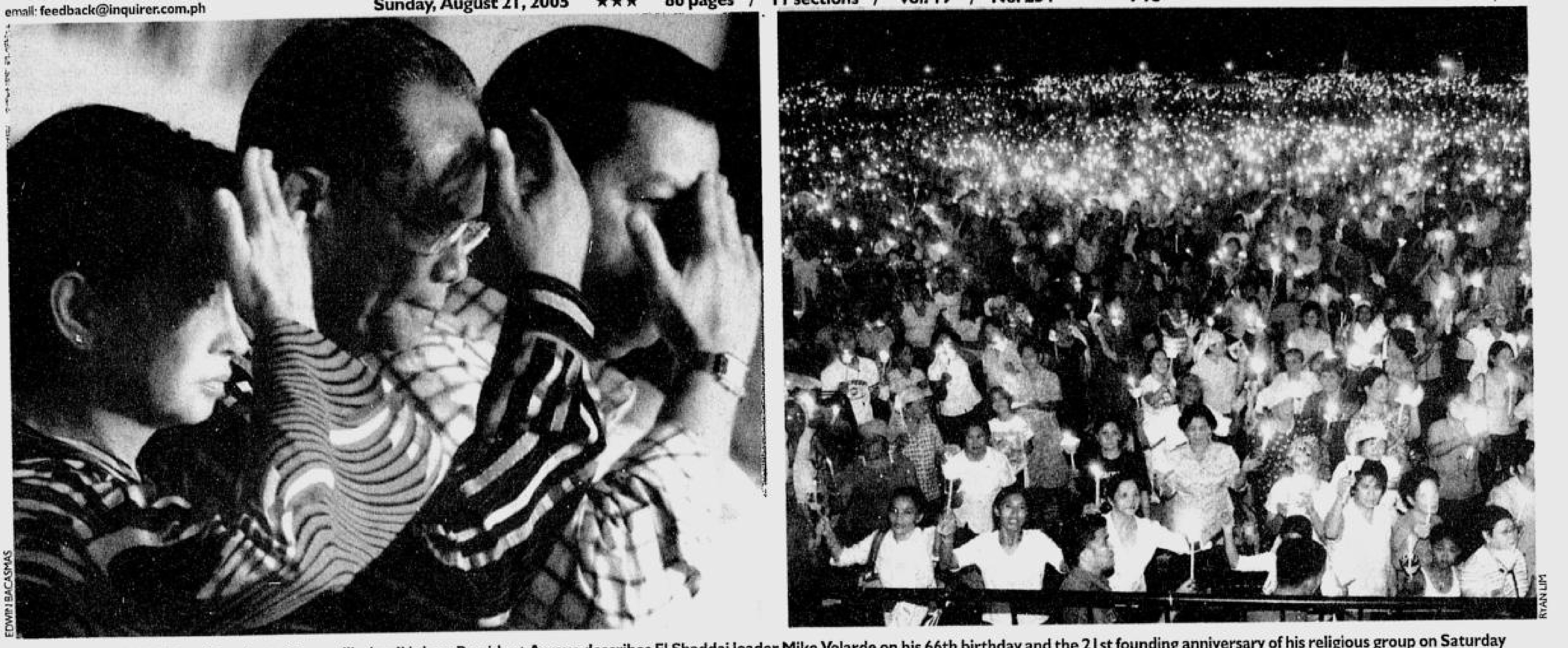

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RYAN LIM

PROPHET OF PROFIT to "Prophet of Reconciliation," is how President Arroyo describes El Shaddai leader Mike Velarde on his 66th birthday and the 21st founding anniversary of his religious group on Saturday when a massive gathering at the Luneta billed as a rally for peace and unity draws the country's leading political personalities including Vice President Noli de Castro, House Speaker Jose de Venecia, and Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and Mar Roxas. At press time late last night former President Joseph Estrada was expected to address the mammoth crowd of true believers in Yahweh, El Shaddai and the Velarde leadership.

Reconciliation on hold

GMA-Erap back-channel talks leaked to media

By Volt Contreras and Norman Bordadora

THEY WERE to appear on stage almost four hours apart, narrowing the chance they would meet for a symbolic and potentially controversial handshake.

Their respective close aides reportedly dissuaded President Macapagal-Arroyo and her detained predecessor, Joseph Estrada, from sharing the same time slot last night at the marathon prayer rally marking the birthday of El Shaddai leader Mike Velarde.

A source in the Estrada camp said the two leaders were "willing" but their closest allies had second thoughts about allowing the duo to be seen together greeting the influential Brother Mike, their common ally.

A source close to Ms Arroyo told the INQUIRER that the reconciliation talks with Estrada had been put on hold because of how the back-channel efforts had been leaked to the media.

"The President is angry, [Speaker Jose] De Venecia is angry, and Estrada is angry. Nobody is interested to continue with the talks so far," said the source, a top official of a leading business group.

This could explain why Ms Arroyo suddenly ordered the Office of the Press Secretary to bar the Malacañang press corps from covering her meeting last night with El Shaddai's Velarde.

The OPS announced Friday night that a bus would ferry the press corps to the Quirino Grandstand at 7:30 p.m. last night. But it canceled the press coverage

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Sky not falling, or why expats choose to live here

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando
Contributor

COMMENTARY

A CHILDREN'S story when I was young was about Chicken Little on whose head one day an acorn fell. He didn't see what it was and, greatly frightened, cried, "Help! Help! The sky is falling!" His fear spread to others along the way and the hen, the duck and the goose followed Chicken Little one by one, screaming their heads off, "The sky is falling!"

It was panic time! Reminiscent of the Philippine situation! More and more people are shaking their fists, despairing, making one feel like a fool for believing still in a country so broke, so befuddled.

Was there really nothing more to our country than the sky falling? I wanted to know. I asked my Japanese friend Shoko Matsumoto, theater lighting designer living in the Philippines for 11 years. "Why did you opt to live here, Shoko? You have jobs in London, New York, Australia, Japan and can choose to stay anywhere in the world. Every rainy season your terrace floods. You have a terrible time raising funds to finance your dream of transferring all the theater technology that

SKY/ A6

Ninoy's poems rime with sacrifice, faith, hope

By Leila B. Salaverria

BENIGNO "NINOY" AQUINO JR. can no longer speak to his countrymen to guide them in these troubled times. But there are his written words.

His poems, in particular, speak of love of country, agony, sacrifice and hope. So did his arrival statement, which he never got to deliver as an assassin's bullet cut him down 22 years ago today.

His words continue to bear lessons and meaning for the Filipinos, and deserve to be appreciated by a broader range of people, especially the youth, according to Cecile Guidote Alvarez, executive director of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

Alvarez spearheaded the project that translated into Filipino five of Ninoy's poems plus his arrival statement.

The translations were done by poets Domingo Landicho, Isagani Cruz, Frank Rivera and Tomas Ongoco. The works will be published, along with winning essays and illustrations in the contests held in Ninoy's honor, in time either for his 73rd birthday on Nov. 27 or for the 20th anniversary next February of the Edsa I Revolution sparked by his assassination on the tarmac of the then Manila International Airport, since renamed in his honor.

"The youth today are not aware of Ninoy, and we also want to reach out to a larger audience, which is why we thought of translating his poems. We want to popularize his works," said Alvarez, who along with Ninoy and her husband Heherson, had fought the dictatorship of President Ferdinand Marcos.

She also found it appropriate that Ninoy's works will be appreciated in the national language of the country to whom he gave his life.

But more than Ninoy's talent with a pen, it is the lessons of his martyrdom in pursuit of freedom from the oppressive Marcos rule that should be heard and heeded, especially now, said Alvarez.

Politics is hogging the limelight to the detriment of vital issues such as health, the environment and the energy crisis.

"His messages are a necessary dose of medicine, it is a prescription for how to resolve our problems. If we would only think about what he wrote from his experience, we would learn a lot," she said.

In his poem "Pick Up Your Cross," Ninoy speaks of fighting for the country's freedom even if it is a lonely battle.

"Kung walang makikinig sa iyo,/ kung walang sasama sa iyo/

NINOY'S/ A6

Burning the Candle of My Life

By Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr.

I am burning the candle of my life
in the dark with no one to benefit
from its light.
The candle slowly melts away
soon its wick will be burned out,
and the light is gone.

If someone will only gather
the melted wax, reshape it,
give it a new wick
for another fleeting moment
my candle can once again
light the dark
be of service
one more time
and then...

Goodbye.

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to Laur, Nueva Ecija

POLISHING the Ninoy Aquino statue on Ayala Avenue in time for his 22nd death anniversary today. ERIK ARAZAS

Adopted kids journey back to RP roots

By Cynthia D. Balana

LIFE, says George Bernard Shaw, isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

This is the mantra of Lorial "Lory" Crowder and Oda Bernadette Bergseth as they continue their journey to accept, understand and celebrate what it means to have been adopted by American and Norwegian parents, respectively.

Lory and Oda were born in the Philippines and found their adoptive parents through an inter-country adoption process.

Inter-country adoption is a socio-legal process of adopting a Filipino child by a foreigner or a Filipino citizen permanently residing abroad. It is governed by Republic Act No. 8043, or the Inter-Country Adoption Law of 1995. The ICA law protects the child from abuse, exploitation, trafficking or sale.

Lory and Oda were in the country to share their stories of successful inter-country adoptions at the 3rd International Conference for Adoptive Families of Filipino Children, a two-day meet which started on Aug. 15.

Lory was born in Olongapo City in 1976 and spent the first five years of her life at the King's Fil-Am orphanage.

In 1981, she joined the Crowder family and was brought to Hamden, Connecticut, where Julie, her adoptive mother, still resides. She has two foster brothers who both live in New Haven, whom she often visits.

"I was born during a typhoon and this explains why I have a fascination for rains," she said during the press conference last week organized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Lory, who just completed her graduate studies at the Hunter College School of Social Work in Manhattan with a method in Community Organizing and Planning, is the co-founder of the Filipino Adoptees Network (FAN). This is a global organization dedicated to supporting, educating and promoting cultural awareness of adoption issues and preserving Filipino heritage.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.
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GMA: Save your dollars, too

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday urged the public not only to save oil but also dollars as the peso weakened further and oil prices hit new highs.

"The looming oil crisis poses a challenge both to our energy supply and to our reservoir of foreign exchange. While we conserve energy and seek cheaper, more stable sources of oil, we must at the same time nurse our foreign exchange reserves by increasing inflows and curbing dollar expenditures," the President said in a statement.

This means that Filipinos should not only cut down on fuel expenses and electric bills but also buy fewer imported goods and instead patronize local products.

"Let us save dollars with the same urgency and use our dollars only for the most indispensable and productive purposes. There must be cooperation and synergy among all institutions and sectors," the President said.

She said such an effort would involve "the entire business and financial sector," particularly the families of the eight million Filipinos who work overseas and who remit their earnings home.

Higher crude prices have already caused the country's oil bill to hit $2.308 billion in the first five months of 2005, a 27 percent increase over the same period in 2004, energy department figures showed.

The Philippines imports virtually all of its oil amounting to about 126 million barrels per year. The country's total oil imports in 2004 hit $4.57 billion.

Previously, government officials warned that the skyrocketing price of international crude could threaten foreign exchange reserves which stood at $17.671 billion at the end of July.

The peso traded lower at 56.045 to the dollar on Friday compared to 55.890 just a month ago.

Energy officials estimated that for every $10 increase in the price of oil, the country would have to pay an additional $1.26 billion for its oil imports.

The President has moved to step up the country's exports to boost dollar inflows by seeking broader access of Philippine products into major markets such as the US, Europe and Japan while aggressively looking for new growth markets such as China.

The President has encouraged the use of alternative fuels such as biodiesel and other renewable energy sources to cushion the impact of surging oil prices.

Yesterday, the President inaugurated the Makiling-Banahaw Geothermal Plant in Laguna. Instead of taking a helicopter, she took a two-and-a-half hour overland trip from Malacañang to Laguna with a visibly pared down security convoy to bolster her calls for energy conservation.

With an AFP report

Opposition: Noli will take over

By Philip C. Tubeza

RACING to get the 79 votes needed to impeach President Macapagal-Arroyo, the opposition yesterday assured the public it would stick to the rules of constitutional succession if Ms Arroyo were removed from office.

San Juan Rep. Ronaldo Zamora, lead impeachment prosecutor, said the opposition issued the statement after lawmakers who had yet to sign the impeachment complaint against the President had sought the assurance.

"The biggest question for them is what comes after and we are saying that we'll follow the Constitution," Zamora said.

Under the Constitution, Vice President Noli de Castro would take over the presidency if Ms Arroyo were convicted during the impeachment trial and subsequently removed from office.

Asked if the opposition would welcome a De Castro presidency, Zamora said that while De Castro had yet to outline his policies and priorities, it would recognize him since he was Ms Arroyo's constitutional successor.

"The questions (about De Castro) are much less imposing than those concerning how or what would happen (if the Constitution were not followed). It would be painful trying to determine what would come after," he said.

He emphasized that the opposition was not interested in a junta or any other extra-constitutional body to replace the President.

"It is the policy of the impeachment team to consider only the constitutional process, therefore, only a constitutional succession in the event the impeachment is successful and the President either is convicted or resigned would be followed," he said.

Zamora added that disregarding the constitutional rules on succession would not be in the interest of anyone and that such a scenario would be "painful" to consider.

"There would be too many questions and it would be hard to even consider them," he said, adding that he was speaking for the entire impeachment prosecution team, including House Minority Leader Francis Escudero.

Raid benefits GMA, Noli, says lawyer

By Norman Bordadora

THE LAWYER of Segundo Tabayoyong said both President Macapagal-Arroyo and Vice President Noli de Castro stood to benefit from the seizure of election returns and other documents in a raid of the handwriting expert's room in San Mateo, Rizal, last week.

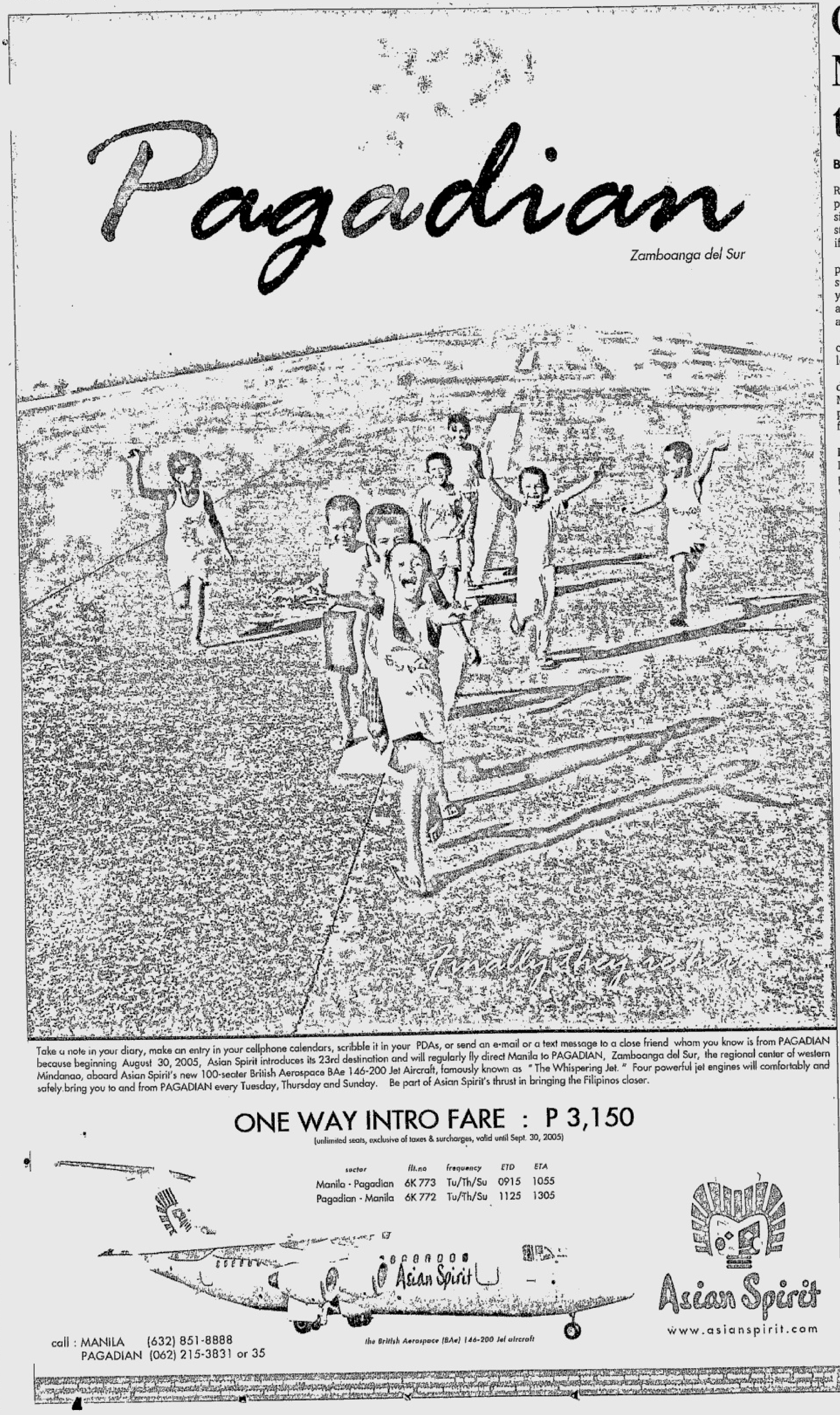
"Both of them (could benefit). The election returns were to be used in [losing vice presidential candidate] Loren Legarda's election tribunal case and also in the impeachment case [against President Arroyo]," Lawyer Demaree Raval said at a weekly breakfast news forum in Quezon City yesterday. *(Related story on Page A4)*

"(With our evidence in their possession), they can prepare for our case (against them)," Raval said.

"My client's findings (on the election returns) could validate many tracks in the Garci tapes," Raval added, referring to the recordings of former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano discussing the 2004 elections with President Arroyo and other personalities.

The taped conversations form a big chunk of the opposition's impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo in the House of Representatives.

Raval expressed apprehension the confiscation of the evidence had severely compromised Legarda's protest, which relies on Tabayoyong's expert findings.



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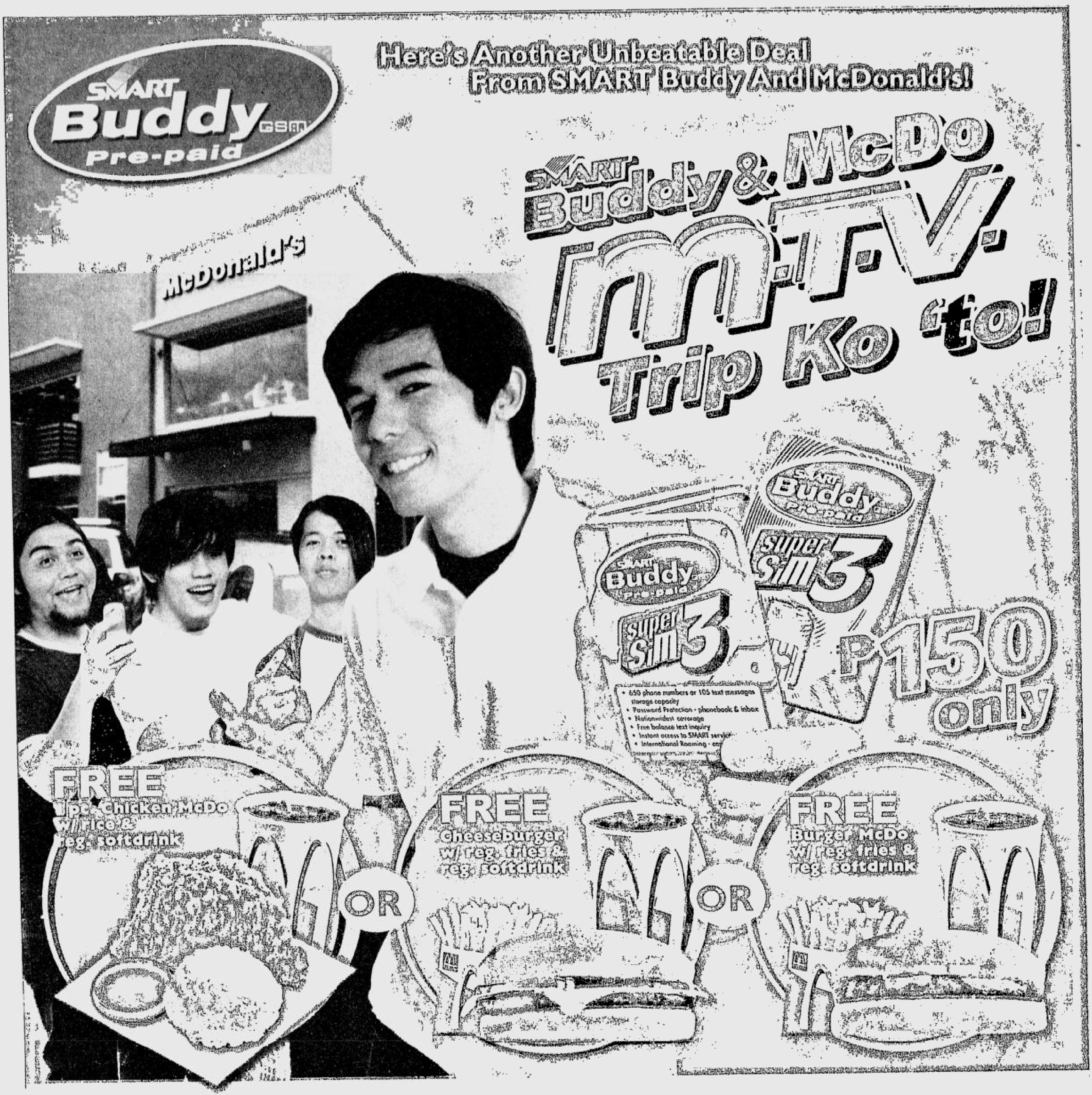
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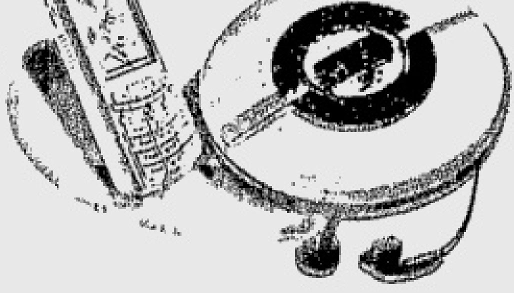

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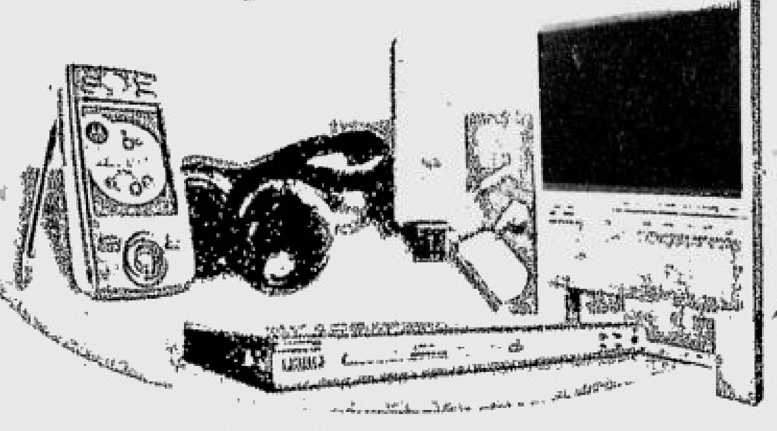

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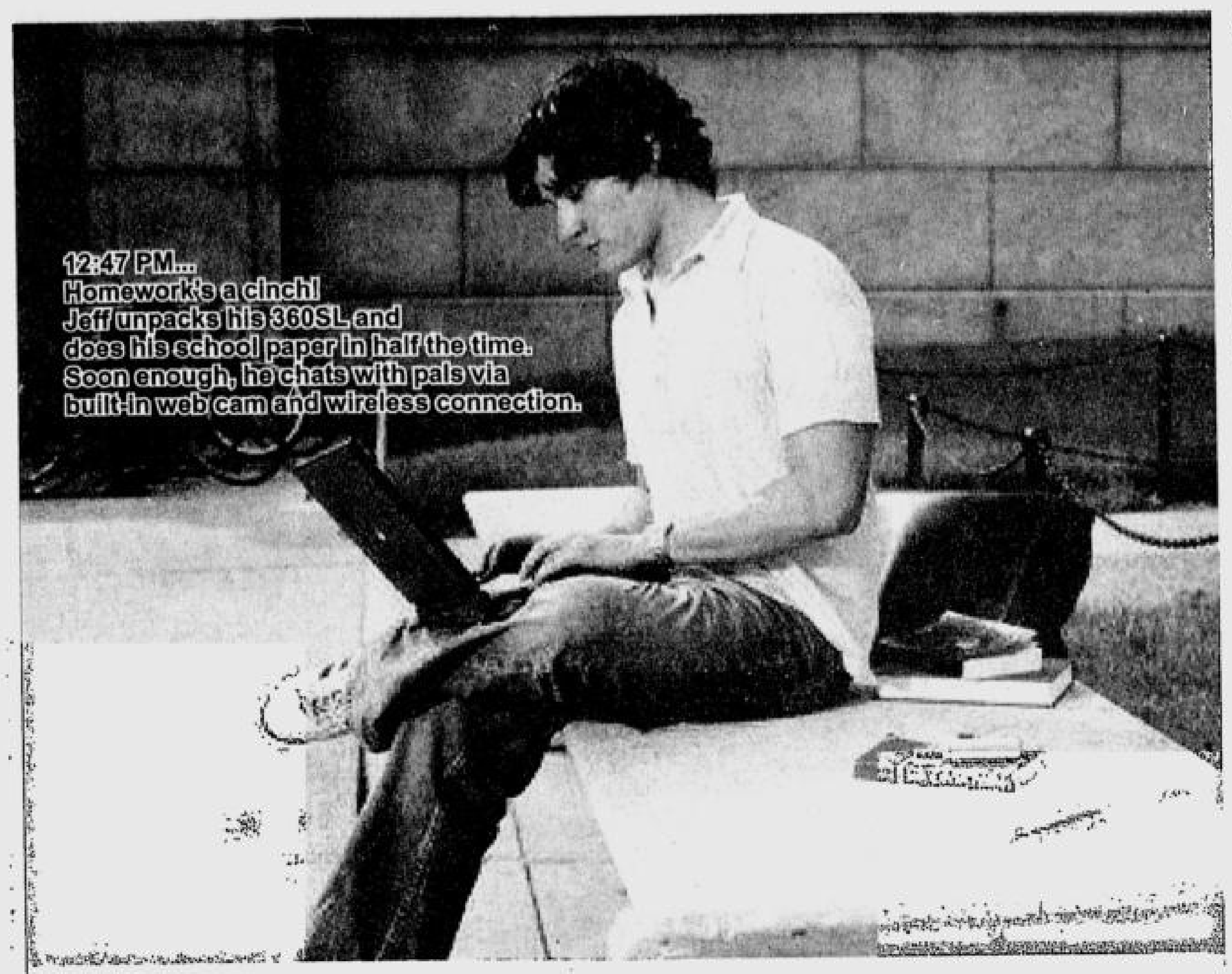
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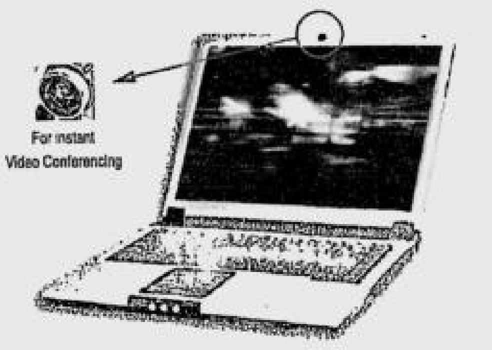

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Owner says Tabayoyong took over San Mateo home

By Luige A. del Puerto

SEGUNDO Tabayoyong had been staying at the San Mateo safehouse since September 2003, Carmela Cabuhat, the owner of the house, said in her affidavit submitted to the police.

Cabuhat went to Camp Crame with her lawyer Hermenigildo Capuchino to witness the inventory-taking of the election returns, which had been the subject of Tabayoyong's study. She refused to meet with reporters.

The opposition, whom the police had asked to send representatives to witness the inventory, snubbed the invitation.

In her affidavit, Cabuhat said a househelp introduced Tabayoyong to her as a relative sometime in August 2003. The fraud expert, in turn, introduced himself as an NBI agent.

Looking for house

Tabayoyong mentioned to her that he was looking for a house. She allowed him to stay in the maid's room of her San Mateo house the following month.

"I noticed that every time he came in, he always brought papers and documents," she said. He had visitors whom he mostly entertained outside the house, she added.

Cabuhat said she went abroad to work in November 2004. When she came back, she learned that Tabayoyong had turned her home into a "safehouse."

"I noticed that our window had been permanently shut," she said, adding that she got suspicious.

She told him to leave, and he agreed to do so as soon as he found another place.

Cabuhat said she last saw him in July 2005. Her suspicions deepened when a new maid told her that the fraud expert had been bringing in bags to the room.

Last week, she asked the police to search the room.

When the police and barangay officials searched the house, she said she saw "boxes of election-related documents, pictures of politicians, samples of signatures, a gun and ammunition, tapes and CDS with photos of deposed President Joseph Estrada and Fernando Poe Jr."

"All these I turned over to the CIDG [Criminal Investigation and Detection Group] voluntarily," she said.

Friday, CIDG-NCR head Chief Supt. Asher Dolina said they would take an inventory of the seized materials and then turn them over to the Comelec or to Tabayoyong if the Comelec so orders.

"All he has to do is present proof that the ERs are his," Dolina said. "The proof could be a certification from Senator Loren Legarda saying the documents were given to him to study."

Unwanted

But suddenly, the seized election returns seemed to be an unwanted bunch.

The police wanted to turn them over to the Comelec but the election officer of San Mateo, Rizal, said his office did not want to have anything to do with them.

"The instruction to me was not to receive them," said San Mateo, Rizal, election officer Pancho Rivera, who was at Camp Crame yesterday to help in the inventory of the items seized from the safehouse.

"It's not our copy. We have our own copy. It's the copy of the minority party," he said.

Return to opposition

Asked if they should be returned to the opposition, Rivera later said, "Yes. It's theirs, unless there is a higher order not to."

From a folder, Rivera took out an election manual that specified where the seven copies of election returns should go. Reading the manual, he told reporters that copy No. 4 went to the dominant majority party in the 2004 presidential race – which was the K-4 or Lakas – and copy No. 5 went to the dominant minority party – which was the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino.

Correction

IN THE story "Baclaran gears up for OBR" on page A23 of yesterday's Metro Section, it was misstated that clearing operations would be along portions of Taft Avenue in "Pasay City." It should have read along portions of Taft Avenue in "Parañaque City."

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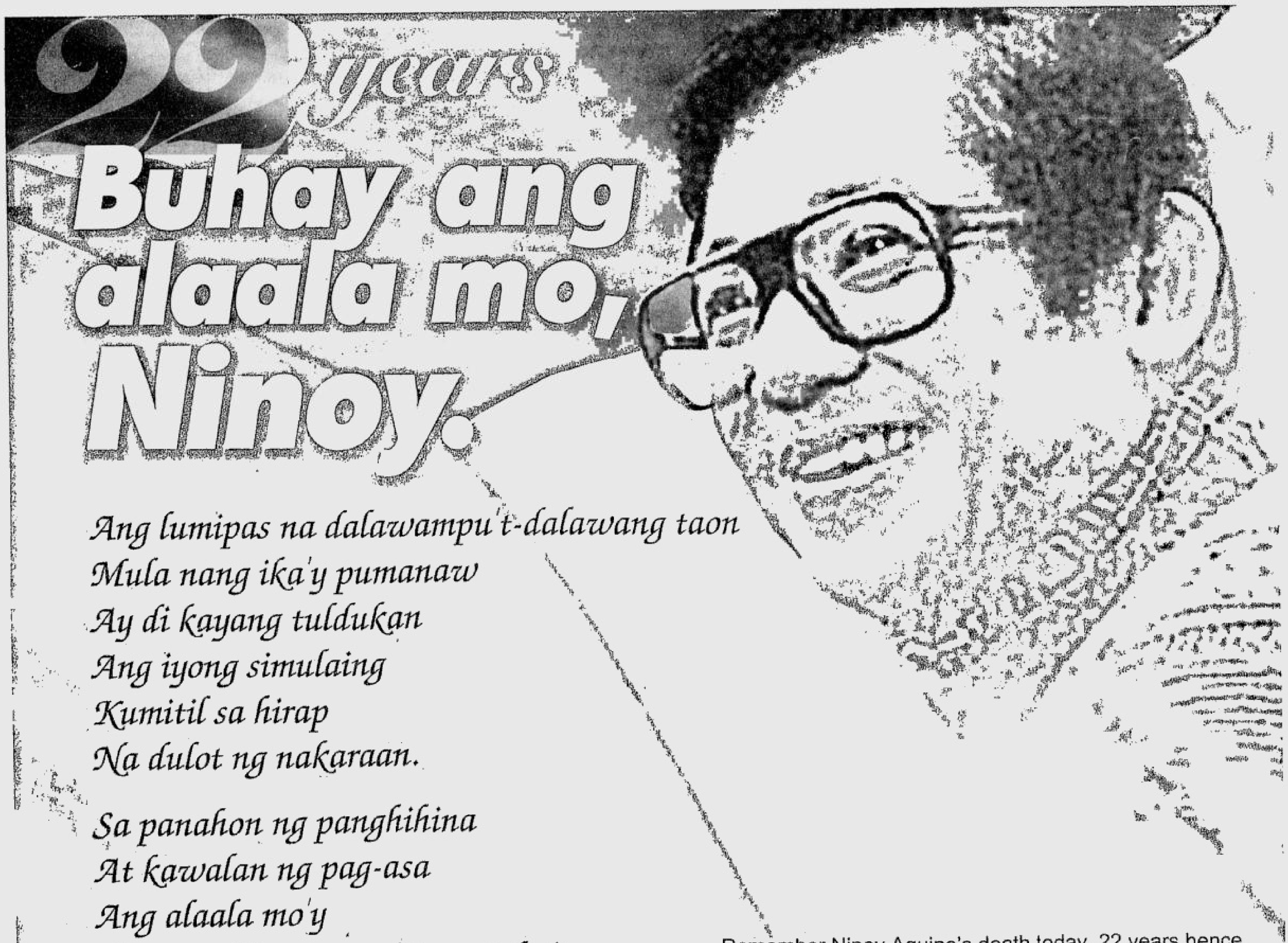
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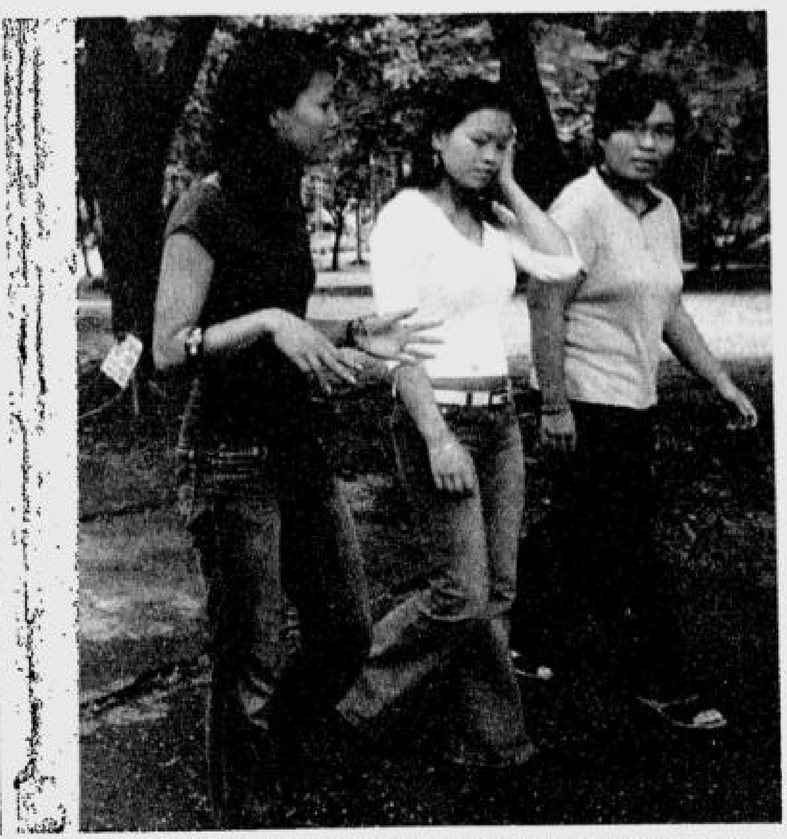
BREAKING down as she describes her adoption by a Norwegian family during the 8th Global Consultation in Child Welfare Services, Oda Bernadette Bergseth (left) is comforted by Teresa Nuqui, president of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines.



GETTING TO KNOW their country of origin, inter-country adoptees Lorial Crowder (left) and Oda Bergseth stroll with Rosario Malaya de la Rosa through the QC Memorial Circle. LYN RILLON

Adopted kids journey back to RP roots

From page A1

At the conference last week, Lory shared her experiences of being Asian but raised in a predominantly Anglo-Saxon Protestant community, focusing on her upbringing by the Crowder family.

The first year was rough for both Lory and the Crowders, but with love and patience, they soon adjusted to each other.

Wonderful addition

"She is a wonderful addition to the family," Julie said. "She was always full of energy. We adjusted to her and she adjusted to us. I would say that Lory is an example of a successful inter-country adoption."

Lory said her parents were always open to discussing anything related to her adoption.

"When I was 7, I asked my mother if she had any information about my biological mother," she said.

Julie said it was Lory herself who discovered her Filipino heritage, when as an adolescent she made friends with two Filipino-American girls.

Support network

Lory visited the Philippines for the first time in 1997. She was 21. She returned again in 2003 and 2004 to learn more.

In 2005, she and fellow Filipino adoptee Sharon Cuatero launched the Filipino Adoptees Network on the Internet to connect to all Filipino adoptees worldwide.

"It is our hope that the FAN website will provide the online community what was not available to us as we were growing up, and to be a support network to adoptees as they venture to cope, understand, share and celebrate their adoption," Lory and Sharon said on the web site.

According to Social Welfare Acting Secretary Liwayway Pablo, some 3,635 Filipino children have been matched with adoptive parents since 1995.

Pablo said an inter-country adoption was the last resort only if there were no takers locally.

Pinoy roots

When 19-year-old Oda was presented at the press conference last week, she announced that she had a little brother in the Philippines. Then she started to cry.

Teresa Nuqui, president of the Association of Child Caring Agencies of the Philippines (ACCAP) spoke on her behalf: "Oda is shy and is not used to speaking in front of TV cameras and lights," she explained.

Nuqui said Oda carried a notebook containing words in English with Nordic and Tagalog translations. "She is trying hard to find ways to get to know her country," she said.

Oda was 3 years old when she arrived in Oslo, Norway, on a cold day in February, 17 years ago. Prior to that, she had lived in three different homes in the Philippines with a brother named Jerry.

Personal journey

In her prepared statement, Oda said she believed that every human being is an Olympic champion of adoption. "We adopted climate, costumes, food and other people," she said.

"The Philippines was, and is, an important part of me. Not only because my looks are different from the Norwegian majority, but also because there is some drive, some feeling or urge that I'm unable to explain," Oda said.

Oda said her family had encouraged her to get to know her Filipino side.

"The danger in adoption is that one adopts too much and loses some part of oneself," she said. "For me, there is no contradiction between my Norwegian me and my Filipino me—I am Oda Bernadette Bergseth—and this is my journey."

Militant . . .

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women's group Gabriela.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's quick removal from office would be the best austerity measure, Gabriela said, since she would no longer be able to use the government coffers to remain in power.

"Mrs. Arroyo is spending millions of pesos from the country's coffers to desperately cling to power," Gabriela secretary general Emmi de Jesus said, referring to the election fraud and illegal gambling scandals plaguing the administration.

"The country can save money if she is immediately removed from office because every single day that she remains in office means more suffering for the people," she added.

Speaking for Gabriela members who include housewives and female workers, De Jesus said Malacañang's "generous spending" on Ms Arroyo's makeover, media blitz, meetings and distribution of funds to political allies, and even the alleged buying-off of "jueteng" whistle-blowers, were done at the expense of the people.

"Mrs. Arroyo's appeal for us to be thrifty is an insult because we have been doing this for a long time," De Jesus said.

No to 4-day workweek

Another militant labor group, Kilusang Mayo Uno, urged the government to drop its proposed four-day workweek for the private sector because it would do more harm than good to the workers and the economy in the long run.

KMU secretary general Joel Maglunsod explained that reduced working days would result in reduced quota production, thereby pushing prices up. There would be more retrenchment and contractualization, he added, because employers would have to resolve the redundancies in the production's assembly line.

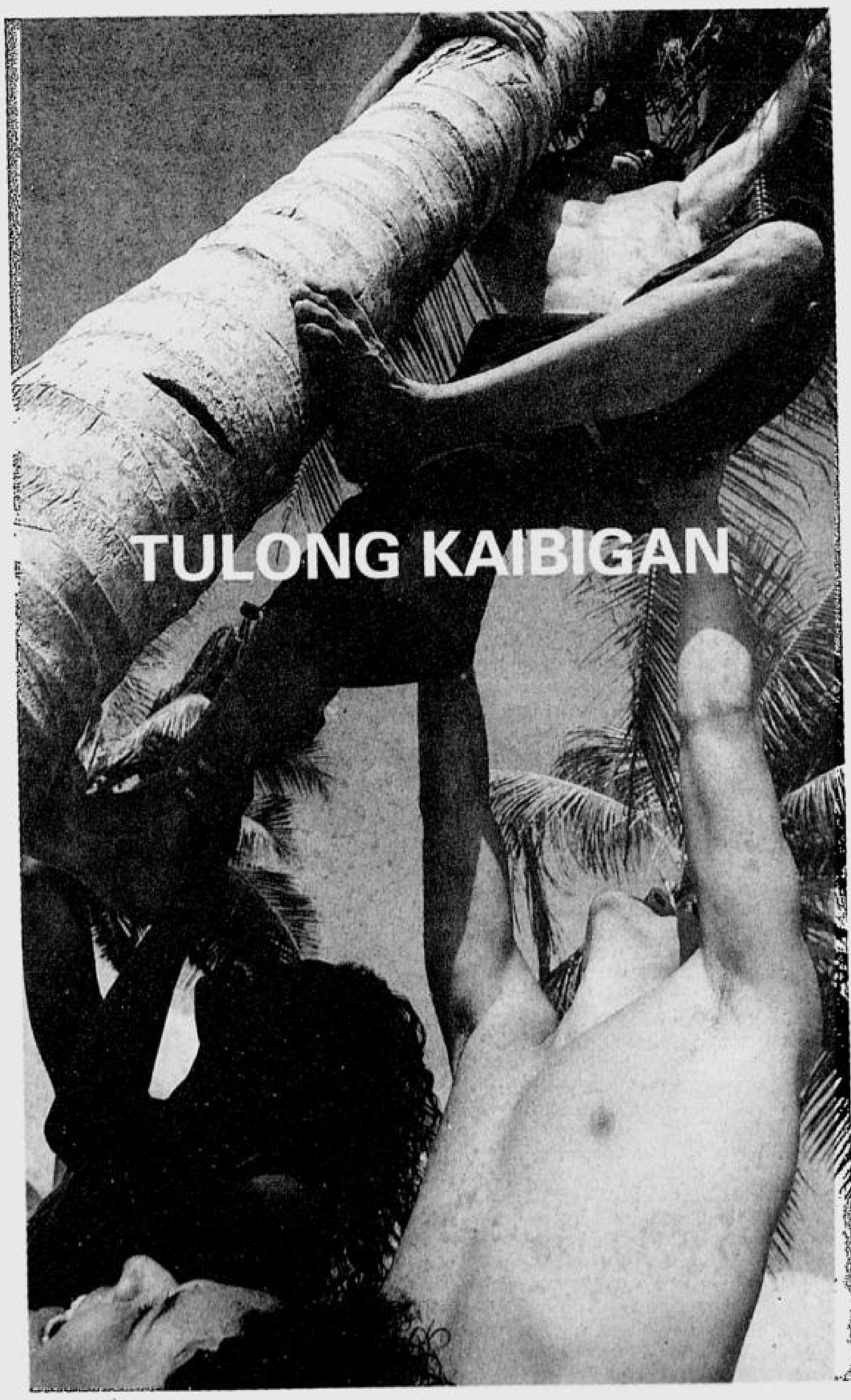
KMU also rejected giving the President emergency powers, saying she might use them to hasten the implementation of the unpopular expanded value-added tax (VAT) law.

The more moderate Trade Union Congress of the Philippines said it was willing to sit down with employers and government representatives and discuss "mutually acceptable actions" to protect workers and their families from the looming crisis.

TUCP spokesperson Alex Aguilar expressed concern over a possible repeat of the late '70s when economic recession hit many countries in the world after Arab countries restricted the supply of oil during the Arab-Israeli wars, leading to the skyrocketing of oil prices.

Many companies in the Philippines and elsewhere were forced to lay off workers and close shop, he recounted.

TUCP said that Congress and the executive branch should look for legal means to exempt the power and petroleum industry from VAT.



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Reconciliation on hold due to media leaks

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before lunch yesterday.

Yesterday, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye told dzXL radio that "only the Sandiganbayan" could decide on Estrada's release.

The former President had asked to be released from detention as a condition for reconciliation.

"The only thing we can do is expedite the process because we all know that justice delayed is justice denied," Bunye said.

"The President has always treated the Sandiganbayan as an independent body and has never interfered in its affairs," he said.

GMA 'ploy'

Senate President Franklin Drilon said Ms Arroyo and her political lieutenants had no business talking about Estrada's being released on recognizance.

"[Plunder] is a non-bailable crime," Drilon said. "[Estrada] is under the jurisdiction and custody of the court... There should be no intervention from Malacañang."

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said it would be to Ms Arroyo's "advantage" to reconcile with Estrada.

"But I don't think he will fall for that because it's very clear it's just a ploy for her self-interest," Pimentel said.

Program of activities

That the lieutenants had prevailed over their chiefs could be gathered from the program obtained by the INQUIRER at 5 p.m.

Ms Arroyo was to arrive for the 8:30 p.m. concelebrated Mass at the Rizal Park's Quirino Grandstand in Manila and then address the crowd after the two-hour service.

Estrada's turn to speak was scheduled at 11:40 p.m., by which time Ms Arroyo would have already left.

Reconciliation was nevertheless to be a recurring theme for other speakers, according to the program, a highlight of which was to be the candle-lighting peace and unity ceremony following the President's speech.

No compromise

The El Shaddai gathering, which actually kicked off as early as 2 p.m. and was expected to end before dawn today, was also to mark the 21st founding anniversary of the Catholic Church-backed movement.

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor told INQUIRER editors and reporters on Thursday night reconciliation talks had begun between the Arroyo and Estrada camps, with Estrada seeking his release from house arrest in Tanay, Rizal, on recognizance as a condition.

Recognizance involves the release of an accused without bail to someone of high moral standing in the community.

Ms Arroyo and Estrada last came face to face on May 29, 2001, when she visited him at his then detention suite at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City, in the early stages of his plunder trial before the antigraft court.

In a phone interview earlier yesterday, Estrada confirmed that he and Defensor had discussed the possibility of his being released on recognizance. But he said the discussion of the possibility was based on the merits of his plunder case, not on reconciliation.

"[All this talk of reconciliation] is not true. I've been detained for four years already. I think I just have to see this through," Estrada told the INQUIRER.

"They don't have a strong case against me," he added.

Rejection

As if to further dispel talk of reconciliation, Estrada said his requests to see his mother at her residence in North Greenhills, San Juan, and to visit the tomb of his late best friend and opposition standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr. had been rejected.

He pointed out that Cardinal Santos Medical Center, where he was to have a brief checkup, was "just a few minutes away from my mama's house."

"I wanted to have lunch with her but I was not allowed to," he said. "I also wanted to drop by [Poe's] tomb in Manila because the [El Shaddai gathering] is not until 9 p.m. They also didn't allow me to do so."

Estrada said that after Edsa II in 2001, then Justice Secretary Hernando "Nani" Perez made him an offer of exile.

"There were still no charges against me at that time. Nani Perez [said I could] go to a country of my choice," Estrada said, adding:

"If I didn't take their offer at that time when there were still no charges against me, why would I take it up this time?"

Not a flight risk

Estrada said his lawyers had discussed with him the possibility of being released through recognizance or on bail.

His lawyers have since filed for bail on the basis that he was no longer a flight risk.

"In fairness to Mike [Defensor], he must have also seen that I've been detained for quite some time already, even if the case against me is not that strong," the ex-President said.

Estrada said Defensor, a troubleshooter of Ms Arroyo's and one of the first movers for his impeachment in 2000, was an old friend, as was Defensor's father, Quezon City Rep. Matias Defensor.

Asked if he'd shake Ms Arroyo's hand should they meet during the El Shaddai gathering, Estrada said: "Why not? I'm not a boorish person. I'll greet her, but there wouldn't be any talk of reconciliation."

Estrada insisted that his lawyers had effectively demolished the major evidence against him at his trial.

He said they had established that, among other things, the P130-million payoff from excise tax proceeds could not have happened at his North Greenhills house, as alleged by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson.

"I'm also not a flight risk. Remember, I went to Hong Kong [last year for knee surgery], and I returned on the date they set for my return," Estrada said.

Helicopter

Estrada's trip to the Cardinal Santos Medical Center was delayed by a few hours because it was raining in Tanay.

The helicopter bearing him landed at 3:28 p.m. at the Crisanta Towers, where he was met by family and supporters, including members of the FPJ Volunteer Movement.

Estrada was granted permission by the Sandiganbayan on Thursday to undergo a medical checkup before proceeding to the El Shaddai gathering.

The INQUIRER gathered that the Philippine National Police had rejected Estrada's initial plan of staying at the Manila Hotel across from the Rizal Park because this was not stated in the permit issued by the court.

The Sandiganbayan had ordered the PNP to return Estrada to his detention at his vacation estate in Tanay immediately after the El Shaddai prayer rally.

Estrada was not allowed to talk to the media or use a mobile phone during his furlough.

Some 500 members of the Manila Police District, backed by K-9 units and members of the Special Weapons and Tactics division, were deployed to ensure security at the prayer rally.

Plainclothesmen were also deployed in the area, said Senior Supt. Rafael Corpuz, deputy district director for administration.

'Worst mistake'

Chavit Singson said Defensor's efforts to have Ms Arroyo reconcile with Estrada were "making the government look weak" and might "push" the President into "committing what could very well be the worst mistake in her life."

Singson, who had accused Estrada of accepting "jueteng" protection money and P130 million in excise tax proceeds, said the government appeared to be "pleading" for reconciliation.

"I am all for national reconciliation, especially in these times of crisis. I've repeatedly said this before. But I must continue to stress that such reconciliation should be anchored on justice and respect for our laws," Singson said in a statement.

He added: "We don't want to send the wrong signal to law-abiding citizens and even to the lawless elements that it is all right to violate the law with impunity as long as you have power, influence and money."

Two of Ms Arroyo's allies in Congress, House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles and Baguio Rep. Mauricio Domogan, said Estrada's reported condition of recognizance before reconciliation was "impossible" to meet because it was only the courts, and not Ms Arroyo, that can order his release. *With reports from Tina G. Santos, Gil Cabacungan Jr., Juliet Labog-Javellana and Philip C. Tubeza*

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you know to Filipinos."

The Japanese

"Because when I light a stage," she replied, "I see all kinds of plays and shows—some very good, some not so good. But always there is a spark of creativity in Filipino work that I do not find in other countries. In Japan, it is very hard to create something new—traditions are too strong. It's like banging your head against a stone wall.

"You complain about an excess of Filipino kids. But children are life! In Japan there are very few children now. The streets are so quiet. When I was living there the elementary schools were seven. Now there are only two. Official report on the average age of the population is 78 years old for the males, 95 for females. My father's father is still alive at 103 due to a healthy diet of vegetables and tofu and good hospital care which is free from 65 years old on.

"Women don't want to have children. Too much sacrifice. The apartments are small, no aunt or grandparents within reach to look after them. And Japanese husbands don't help with housework.

"Japan is a man's country, very patriarchal. Women cannot be executives in companies because they have housework to do. The only jobs women can manage are part-time, in supermarkets or cleaning hotel rooms. Here women can work full time, be executives, or business people, be independent."

The Israeli

Saar Herman is an Israeli in his mid-thirties, an acupuncturist and holistic healer. "Why did I choose to settle in the Philippines? Because in my first week here I already met five people who claimed to be Jesus Christ and one of them was a woman. In this country there is freedom of religious belief. And you can't imagine what that means to someone from Israel. If he knew, my father would never even have allowed me to study acupuncture in Buddhist countries like China and India. All the wars in Palestine, as you now, are about religion."

The American

Jim Sharman was an American Peace Corps volunteer in the '90s, assigned to a Mindanao barrio ("water supply sanitation") with no water and no electricity. "It gave me a lot of time to reflect on what's important in life," shared Jim. "I saw that there was so much to do and could be done. Right here. I returned to the US for postgraduate studies but came back to the Philippines and never left.

"I guess I wanted to make a difference and this seemed to be the country with the most potential for that. Historically the Philippines is a place of many firsts—from being the first republic in Asia, to the first people power revolution that made such a mark on the world.

"In Iloilo they wonder why a white man like me is working so hard training teachers for a network of schools for the poor and putting up a center for sustainable farming. I tell them, this is now home. My son by my Filipino wife, Tesa, is 9 and so Pinoy. (You should see how he sucks the eyes of a fish and picks the bones of a chicken). I guess what I'm doing is helping to create a future for him.

Many foreigners have perceived in the Philippines a special mystical quality connected to the Divine which has escaped most Filipinos. In Europe there is none of that since they have willfully destroyed the connection by prohibiting the teaching of religion or any spirituality.

The German

"I believe in faith healers, *herbolarios*, apparitions, *mosmos* and all the unseen entities here in Mindoro," says Michael Wolf, a German engineer who has resided in Puerto Galera for more than a dozen years. His house on a mountain overlooks Batangas Bay and is a 20-minute walk from a rain forest. "I like the openness here to all kinds of spirituality," he explains. "The Filipino is still very much a natural being. I like the challenge of living only with basic things—natural water, something to eat, minimal electricity—which is what my provincial life is all about."

"Landing at 6 a.m. in the airport for a visit to Germany, all I see are long faces," says the beautiful Inge Horn (Bauzon), German resident of the Philippines since 1984. "If someone smiles at you it's either an Asian or a Filipino.

"In India is the real poverty. Everywhere else it is fake poverty. Poverty is a choice. The Philippines has many natural riches and can survive by itself. All it needs is infrastructure. The people are very adjustable. You see pushcarts piled with the garbage and the poor on top of them laughing, celebrating life. If people would look at things more positively instead of complaining and complaining maybe we can get out of this impasse we're in.

"The Filipino compassion for family is legendary. The members really take care of one another. That's not common in Europe where at 18 you find a job and survive on your own. No one is beholden to anyone. When you have your own family, once in a while you visit your parents but when they're old they go to an old folks' home.

Proud to be Filipino

"I had to learn to do business here. In the Philippines the clock goes around another way. There were many circumstances I couldn't have accepted before—brownouts, typhoons, no water—but you learn to live with them. Why do we have to go only one way? I thought. One can go another way and be successful too. I learned a lot here. I have been Filipina for 20 years and proud to be one."

Well, all Chicken Little needs is to borrow the lenses of foreigners who chose to live here to realize that the Philippines is worth saving. That it's only an acorn and not the whole sky that is falling.

Ninoy's poems …

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sa iyong dakilang pagkilos/ dahil sanay na sila sa pagiging alipin- / maglakad ka pa rin,/ pasanin mo pa rin ang krus ng bayan/ kahit na mag-isa kang naglalakad!

(If no one heeds your call/ and joins you in this noble/ crusade because they have/ been accustomed to the slave's/ docile resignation / Continue to walk and walk/ even if you must walk alone!)," he wrote.

Ninoy also spoke of the importance of justice in uniting the nation.

Arrival statement

The last message that he was supposed to read upon arrival on Aug. 21, 1983, after a three-year exile in the United States spoke of martial law, his decision to return despite threats to his life and liberty, and his hopes for the country Still, his words could well be applicable to resolve the crisis in the country today. "National reconciliation and unity can be achieved but only with justice, including justice for our Moslem and Ifugao brothers. There can be no deal with a dictator. No compromise with a dictatorship," he wrote.

Tea from an empty cup

Alvarez also noted that Ninoy's poems carried hopeful messages, speaking of triumph despite suffering. This is a fitting tone to have during these trying times, she said.

The former senator, one of the feistiest politicians of his era and archrival to Marcos, revealed his despair at being persecuted as an enemy of the state in his poem "How Can I Recall A Song?"

In it, he spoke of having silence as his only companion, of being imprisoned like an animal and being betrayed by friends. But in the end, he prayed for the ability to "drink tea from an empty cup."

Ninoy also composed a poem called "My Dear Lord" where he prayed for grace, strength, patience and fortitude and imagination so that he could be like the Biblical figure Job, who suffered greatly but kept his faith intact.

The tortures

One of his poems that spoke of suffering in detail is "God is Everywhere, But is He Really?"

In it, Ninoy referred to Camp Olivas, Camp Crame, Fort Bonifacio, Ipil and other places where Marcos' enemies were imprisoned and tortured.

He told of the hardships that specific people were put through, and detailed the various methods of torture that nameless and faceless youths faced in interrogation, including that of being methodically mutilated, electrocuted and subjected to water cure.

But while vividly describing the ordeals, the poem's last lines showed who Ninoy believed was the real victor.

Arce, Alvarez, Adriano and the/ countless, nameless, faceless,/ men and women who suffered and/ died are the truly privileged/ for they are handpicked by Him/ 'to share by their suffering/ the redeeming of man.'/ Many are called but few are chosen/ Fewer still are those gifted/ with the rarest privilege of/ Martyrdom!," he wrote.

Later, Ninoy, of course, would receive that "rarest of privilege."

His martyrdom marked the beginning of the end for the Marcos regime. His printed works might well mobilize the people toward his vision of a better Philippines. A country that he so loved, he was willing to die for it

"If his works are to be shared with young and old, there might be consciousness raised for love of country. His message was relevant then, it is relevant now," Alvarez said.

And as long as there are those who spread his message, Ninoy will continue to live on, as he himself wrote in his poem "I am Burning the Candle of My Life."

If someone will only gather/ the melted wax, re-shape it,/ give it a new wick,/ for another fleeting moment/ my candle can once again/ light the dark/ be of service/ one more time/ and then.../ Goodbye."

Jarque left AFP but didn't stop trying to reform it

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world, the ex-officer who died after suffering cardiac arrest at 40 last Friday in Jakarta continued to battle corruption, mismanagement and lack of professionalism in the military in another field he was good at: Writing.

In his free time, and in between corporate meetings, he wrote papers, articles and letters on the ills that bedeviled the AFP and sent them to newspapers and military journals for publication.

"In my own little way, I'm doing these things to open up. We still need to do something about the Armed Forces because to me it is unfinished business," Jarque told the INQUIRER in August 2003.

"I tried to reform the Armed Forces in my own way. You can't do it from the inside. Maybe doing it from the outside can help," he said.

Days earlier, on July 27, 2003, a band of young officers calling themselves the Magdalo group mounted the "Oakwood mutiny" in the business district in Makati City.

The INQUIRER had sought out Jarque for his views on corruption—in particular, the illicit practice of converting military purchases into cash.

The bespectacled Jarque showed up for the interview at the INQUIRER office looking every bit like a young business executive.

"Maybe the Magdalo [soldiers] think they can do it differently. That's why they [mounted the mutiny]. What do you do if the chain of command doesn't listen to you?" he said, adding:

"The most noble way to do it is to bring it to the Filipino people ... You are soldiers [of the people], not of politicians."

The mutineers had demanded the resignation of certain defense and military officials, calling attention to their alleged role in the sale of ammunition to insurgent groups and in the bombings in Mindanao, among others.

Asked if he would have done the same thing, Jarque said curtly: "At that age, probably."

Jarque, son of retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque and a 1986 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, was no stranger to military rebellion.

As a young Scout Ranger, he joined the 1987 and 1989 coup attempts against the fledgling Aquino administration—out of idealism and disillusionment over "inadequacies" in the AFP, he said.

In both instances, he and his group were tapped as reinforcements by the plotters holed up in Manila, but they never got far from their base in Isabela because they were stopped by loyalist forces.

"We weren't actually concerned with the political aspects; we were just there to see that things were put right. We didn't think it was unconstitutional," he said.

Favorite topic: Conversion

Jarque talked extensively about "conversion," his favorite subject in his writings.

He said that in his postings during his 12-year service, he "indirectly" witnessed the alleged practice of senior officers converting procurements into cash, or into "something for personal use."

For example, he said, a purchase order for paper would be converted into something else in kind (say a computer) or in cash. By a special arrangement, he said, officers managed to put on official record that the purchase had involved paper.

"If you convert it, the actual cost goes up by 25 percent," he said. "Of the 25 percent, the dealer gets only 9 or 16 percent; the rest is distributed to [everyone] down the line who will sign the fraudulent documents."

Jarque said he deliberately avoided assignments that directly dealt with such transactions, and thus never engaged in conversion.

But he did not rule out the possibility that he had indirectly benefited from it.

"In Camp Aguinaldo, a big chunk of the converted cash is used as unauthorized allowances for the officers ... and for the generals," Jarque said.

In his case, he said, he received an extra allowance of P8,000 a month when he was working in the research office at Camp Aguinaldo,

"Now, there's no such thing as allowance," he said. "You begin to ask yourself: Where does it come from? That's when I got interested in what this conversion was all about. I did some research on it, and found out that it's illegal."

According to Jarque, recipient of numerous awards and decorations for bravery in combat, effective leadership and management, conversion is the worst form of corruption in the AFP.

He explained: "Like any other government agency, we have our share of corrupt practices, like commissions, kickbacks, substitution, padding prices.

"But I would say that conversion is the biggest source of abuse and corruption in the military because what is government money becomes private money used by senior officers for personal use.

"It goes all the way up. The biggest conversion office would be the office of the chief of staff because he holds the biggest contingency fund. And there are lawmakers who put their [pork barrel] into the Armed Forces to be converted.

"It's all part of a big conspiracy. That's why it's hard to eradicate it."

And Jarque directed his loathing for this practice into the articles he sent to newspapers as well as those he wrote for the Army Journal, which he once edited along with the Cavalier, OSS Digest and OSS Research Series.

But he saw no reforms forthcoming. Disillusioned, he quit in 1998.

"Whether you do it peacefully, or violently, nobody is listening. So what do you do? The noble way is to resign," he said.

Backer blames FVR for RP ills

By Vincent Cabreza
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BAGUIO CITY – Former President Fidel V. Ramos is known for dishing out one-liners and he was in good spirits on Friday as he discussed the virtues of changing the Constitution with local officials, businessmen and local reporters.

"I am not about to jump ship… [but] we can jump overboard to rescue the ones who abandoned ship and who have no direction because there are typhoons coming," Ramos told his audience, as he criticized the slow pace of Congress in pushing for constitutional reforms.

But Ramos was cut short by one of his own supporters who told him he may have caused the country's current crisis.

Lourdes Ng, a restaurateur and contributor to Ramos's campaign from Baguio, said Ramos was the linchpin of the first Edsa revolution when he and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile led junior military officers in opposing the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

Ng said she was aware the revolt against Marcos in 1986 was the "right time" for Ramos "to do it," but it and the succeeding Edsa revolt of 2001 gave the Filipinos freedoms "we don't deserve" because they destabilized the country.

Ng then gave Ramos her wish list, which included the immediate burial of Marcos, the release of jailed former President Joseph Estrada and the removal of President Macapagal-Arroyo from office.

Once the slate is absolutely clean can the country finally move forward, she said.

Ramos's solution through constitutional reform was "not what I wanted to hear from him," Ng told the INQUIRER.

"I've been listening and watching television… all the [talk shows and debate shows about the impeachment, the constitutional changes and the Garci tapes] and I usually want to throw a shoe at the TV because all this talk is just confusing our people."

Ramos, however, did not condemn people power outright.

"I have already gone on record… I don't want another people power revolution… The next one would be bloody," he told Ng.

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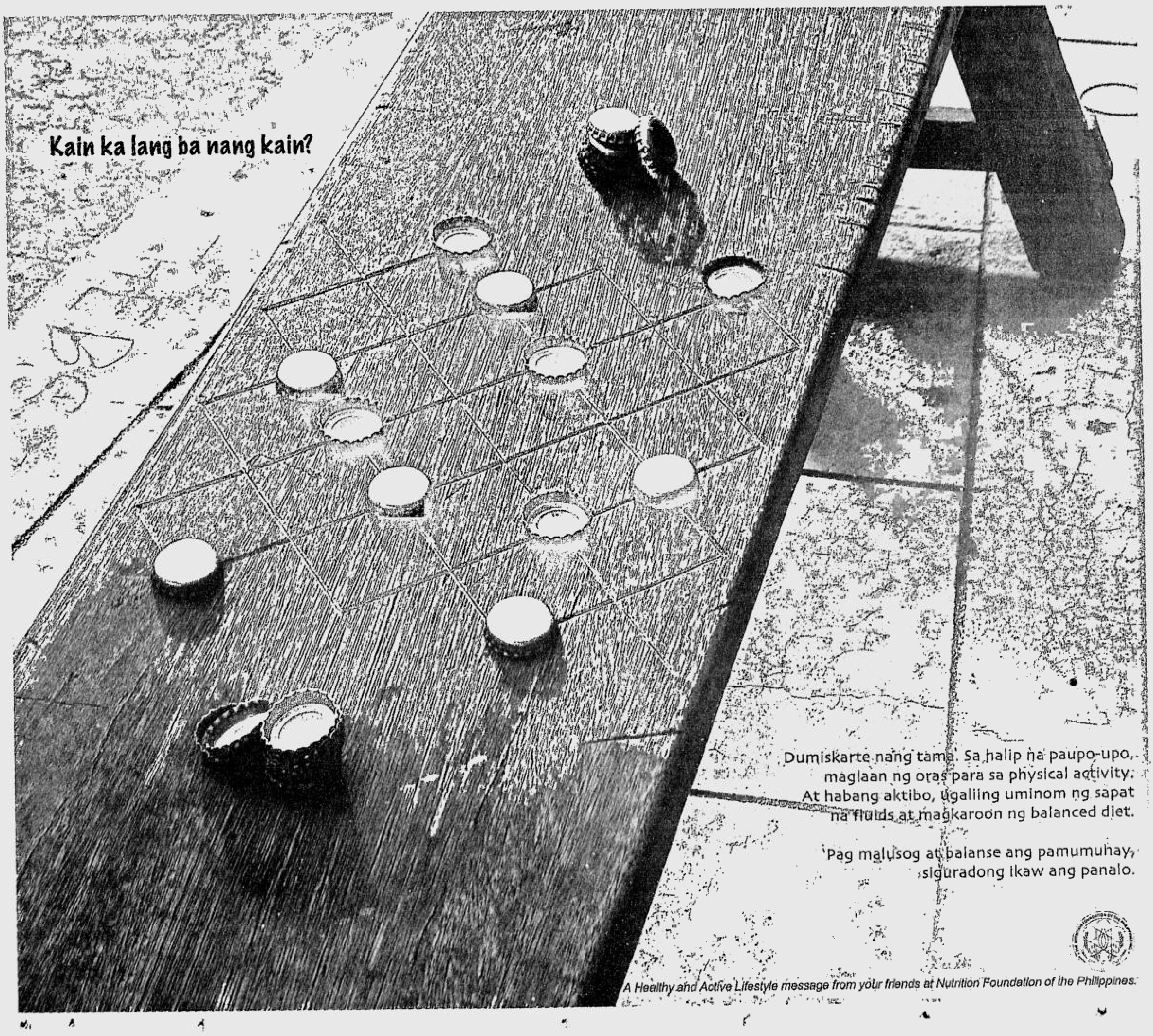
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US jury awards Vioxx widow $253M

ANGLETON, Texas—US pharmaceutical giant Merck and Co. was Friday found guilty in a high-profile wrongful death case brought by the widow of a man who died after using its blockbuster arthritis painkiller Vioxx.

A jury here awarded damages totaling more than $253 million to Carol Ernst, whose 59-year-old triathlete husband Robert died in May 2001 from heart failure after using Vioxx to treat pain in his hands.

The stunning total levied by the jury in the first of many Vioxx lawsuits included $229 million in punitive damages for liability, negligence and malice, a District Court official said.

Merck has been deluged with lawsuits around the world since it yanked the $2.5-billion-a-year seller Vioxx from the market last September after an internal study showed it increased the risk of strokes and heart attacks.

The drug was taken by more than 20 million people worldwide before its withdrawal.

Merck swiftly said that it would appeal the jury's verdict, which came after more than a month of often emotional hearings in which lawyers for Ernst accused one of the world's biggest drug firms of putting profits before safety.

"We believe that the plaintiff did not meet the standard set by Texas law to prove Vioxx caused Mr. Ernst's death," Jonathan Skidmore, a lawyer representing the firm, said in a statement.

ERNST sobs as the jury announces a verdict in her favor, Aug. 19. AP

The company's share price plummeted on the news, losing nearly eight percent to close at $28.06.

Carol Ernst expressed enormous relief at the verdict.

"In the four years that I knew and loved Bob, I went to a lot of his marathons, his triathlons. This has been my run for Bob," she told reporters in Angleton, 45 miles south of Houston.

"I know this was a run well worth doing and I'm glad we crossed the finishing line finally," she said.

The widow's attorney, Mark Lanier, said Merck had conducted a "faceless and nameless" act in selling Vioxx for at least seven months after discovering potential health problems with the medicine.

Merck, however, says it withdrew Vioxx as soon as it knew of any potential health risks and that in any case, the drug did not cause Robert Ernst's death.

A study sponsored by the US Food and Drug Administration estimated that Vioxx could have caused 27,785 heart attacks or deaths since it was approved in 1999. *AFP*

Pope meets Muslims in Germany trip

POPE Benedict XVI gestures during his address to some 2,000 student priests at Cologne's St. Pantaleon seminary. He told them the aim of their training was to shape "a steady and balanced personality, one capable of receiving validly and fulfilling responsibly the priestly mission," Aug. 19. AFP

COLOGNE, Germany—Pope Benedict meets leaders of Germany's mainly Turkish Muslim community on Saturday to stress the importance he places, like his predecessor, on closer ties with other faiths.

The Pope, on a four-day visit to his native Germany for a Catholic youth festival, has already met Jewish and Protestant groups, but his meeting with Muslims could be more strained given his opposition to Turkey's bid to join the European Union.

Before becoming Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said Muslim but secular Turkey should seek its future in an association of Islamic nations, not with the EU, which has Christian roots.

Turkey had always been "in permanent contrast to Europe," he said in an interview last year for France's Le Figaro magazine, adding that linking it to Europe would be a mistake.

Members of the Turkish Islamic Religious Authority, which operates many of the mosques in Germany, and Germany's central Islamic council will briefly meet the Pontiff in the residence of the archbishop of Cologne.

Around 3.2 million Muslims live in Germany, two million of whom are of Turkish origin.

German politicians have begun to question the extent of their integration, with conservatives in particular saying multicuturalism has failed and parallel societies are rife.

Germany has also been forced to take a tougher line on Islamic extremists and so-called hate preachers since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, in which three of the suicide pilots were students who had been living in Hamburg.

Benedict said shortly after his election that he appreciated the growth of dialogue between Muslims and Christians both at local and international level.

One of the trickiest challenges he faces is maintaining friendly relations with other religions, which he upset in his previous job as Vatican doctrinal enforcer.

He has appeared to present a softer line since being elected head of the Catholic Church after the death in April of John Paul, for whom interreligious dialogue was a main aim.

Benedict paid a historic visit to Cologne synagogue on Friday, becoming only the second pope known to have visited a synagogue.

"The Catholic Church is committed—I reaffirm this again today—to tolerance, respect, friendship and peace between all peoples, cultures and religions," he said. *Reuters*

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London bobby won't quit

LONDON—The head of London's Metropolitan Police, Ian Blair, bluntly refused Friday to resign over last month's police shooting of a Brazilian wrongly suspected of being a suicide bomber. "No, not at all," said Blair when asked in a BBC interview whether he might stand down in the face of a furore over the point-blank killing of Jean Charles de Menezes in the tense days after the London bombings. Tragic as it was, he said, it had to be seen in the wider context of the British capital's worst-ever terrorist attack. De Menezes, 27, was shot eight times at point-blank range in a south London subway station a day after a failed attempt to repeat the July 7 bombings in which 56 people died, including four apparent Islamist suicide bombers. *AFP*

Ecuador warns protesters

QUITO, Ecuador—Ecuador's government warned on Friday that troops could open fire to quell protests that have crippled oil output and forced the country to ask Venezuela for a loan of crude oil so it can keep up exports. The protests in two Amazon provinces pushed US crude oil futures up $2 above $65 a barrel in New York on Friday. Ecuador is usually South America's fifth-largest producer of crude oil and, after Venezuela, the second-largest South American supplier of oil to the United States. *Reuters*

Never too late

AUCKLAND—A 73-year-old former New Zealand soldier is to undergo a sex change and the government has agreed to pick up the NZ$30,000 (US$20,900) cost of the operation, a report said Saturday. After the operation, transsexual Vicki Harvey will be able to legally change the gender on her birth certificate to "female." Harvey, who served 20 years in the New Zealand Army during which she drove Centurion tanks, was part of a lobbying campaign that resulted in the government agreeing last year to fund a small number of "gender reassignment" operations. "Having the surgery will allow me to at least fulfill myself as a woman before I die," Harvey told the Taranaki Daily News. *AFP*

Training vs torture

SYDNEY—Australian soldiers will undergo extreme training, including being threatened by dogs, to prepare them for the possibility of capture and torture, reports said Saturday. Members of the elite Special Air Service (SAS) will be blindfolded, stripped naked and threatened by dogs for up to three hours as part of training exercises approved at the highest level of government, The Weekend Australian reported. Defense Minister Robert Hill had authorized interrogators to use threats of physical and sexual abuse during the simulated training sessions, the newspaper said. *AFP*

Tigers-Sri Lanka talks

COLOMBO—Sri Lanka's government and Tamil Tiger rebels have agreed to hold their first high-level talks in 30 months in a bid to salvage their troubled truce after the killing of the foreign minister, peace broker Norway said Friday. Norwegian chief mediator Vidar Helgesen said no decision had been made on the exact date or location of the talks although the rebels said they would be held in Oslo "in a couple of weeks." *AFP*

Northwest Airlines mechanics go on strike

WASHINGTON—The fourth-largest US airline found itself in the grip of a potentially crippling strike early Saturday as thousands of its mechanics, cleaners and other service employees walked off their jobs rather than agree to painful concessions.

The 5,400-member Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association announced its strike against Northwest Airlines shortly after midnight after marathon talks between the union and company management failed to produce agreement on a set of cost-saving measures the airline said were necessary to stave off bankruptcy.

Northwest had been seeking $176 million worth of concessions, arguing it badly needed to cut operating costs to stay competitive amid skyrocketing fuel prices.

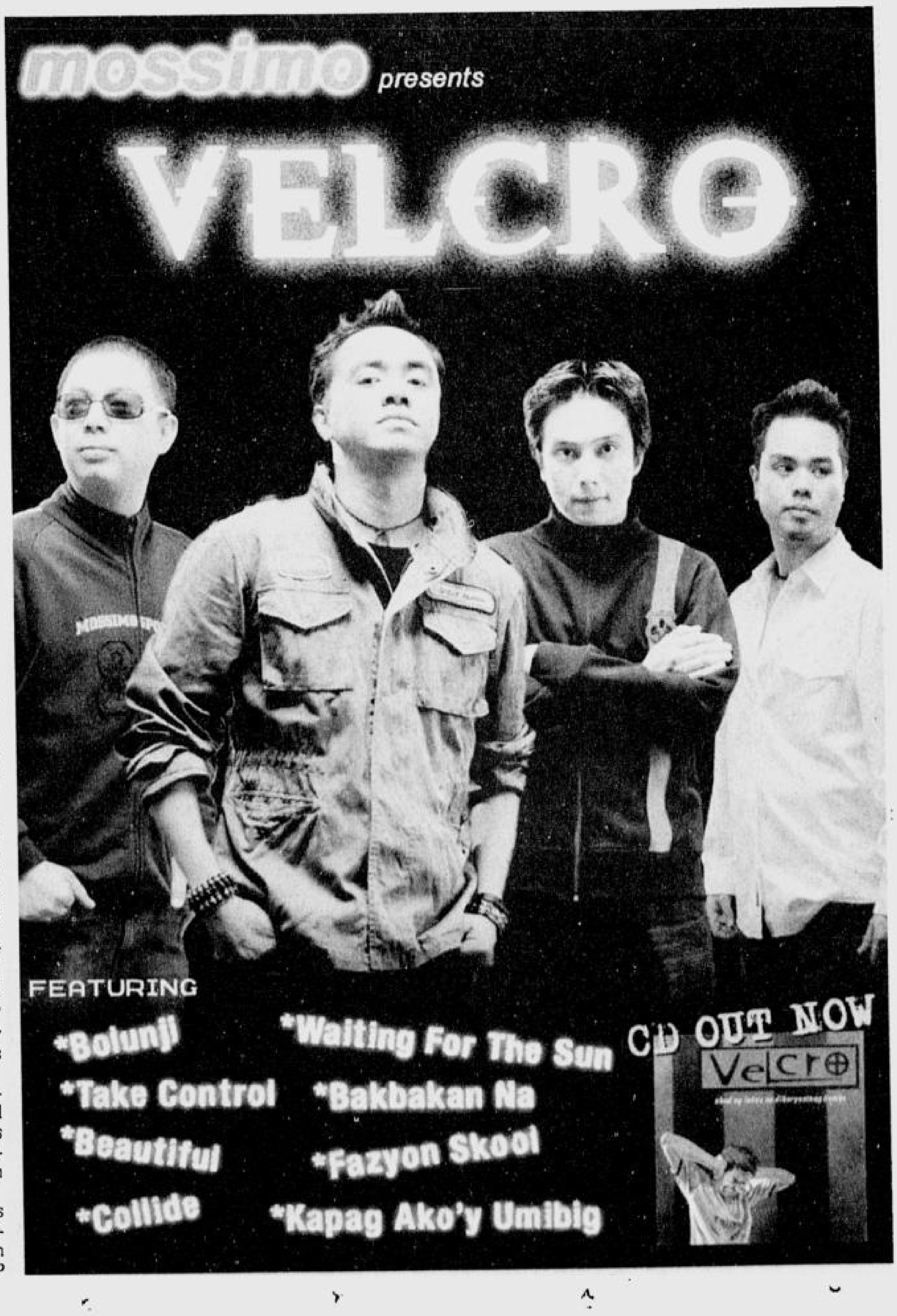
John Roby, one of the top union officials, said the company's remedy proved too bitter for workers to swallow.

"They wanted to take 53 percent of our jobs away," he said in a brief telephone interview from Minneapolis, Minnesota. "And the remaining people that were left, they wanted them to take a 25-percent pay cut."

Northwest president and chief executive Doug Steenland countered by saying his company's offer "was fair to our employees" while recognizing the need for equitable labor costs savings from all labor groups.

He said in a statement the airline was now invoking the federal Railway Labor Act, which allows a transportation company to impose its terms and conditions on striking workers.

But Roby said the move was meaningless because the mechanics were not going to return to their jobs. *AFP*



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The legacy

EDITORIAL

SOON after Ninoy Aquino's widow assumed the presidency in 1986, keepers of his flame began finding themselves on opposite sides of various political issues. That state of affairs continues to this day. Today, major political players on either side of the current political divide will take a few moments to remember both their political hero and his legacy; both sides, however, will end up quoting Aquino against each other.

His death anniversary seems an ideal time to revisit a startling and yet not unexpected finding from a recent survey. According to Pulse Asia, more Filipinos prefer the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos to the administration of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Can this, in fact, be true? The legacy of Ninoy Aquino is both a measure of how far we have come since those dark days under martial rule, and how much of our own recent, tortuous history we have forgotten.

The polling firm reported that, on a scale of 0-10, half of Filipino adults gave the Marcos dictatorship an overall median performance rating of 7, while the current Arroyo administration got only 4. As an index of frustration over the current political crisis, however, the finding was decidedly provocative.

Speaking before the Far Eastern University community a month ago, Pulse Asia founder and UP Professor Felipe Miranda gave a rather dramatic explanation of this particular finding, one of the survey's more controversial results. The country faces "another crossroads of history," he said, so much so that "the failed governance by the national administration compounds an already problematic economic situation, wherein it makes people look back at the previous administrations."

He spoke as though "failed governance" was already a historical fact, even a month ago, and as if a wistful look back at previous governments was a new discovery. In truth, the so-called inevitable failure in governance—in the face of Ms Arroyo's crisis of credibility—is one of the pro-resignation arguments of today's political opposition; also, periods of change or uncertainty always prompt an anxious public to reconsider even the discredited past.

But just the same, the finding, even on its own limited terms, may be an accurate snapshot of public opinion. What can, or should, we make of that?

In the first place, we should take a closer look at the snapshot's negative. Perhaps, the median performance rating of 7 for Marcos indicated that those who said they preferred the order and stability of the Marcos era, especially the early years, do not realize or no longer remember that this state of conditions was achieved in part by asphyxiating the opposition, by denying it the oxygen of political space, political participation, even political leadership (hence, the death or imprisonment of anti-Marcos dissidents, and the Aquino assassination).

Secondly, we should celebrate the "mere" fact that politically oriented polls are now common currency in public discourse; they are not only accepted but actually expected. They allow us to express our political opinion without the Marcos shuffle—that always-constant looking over one's shoulder. They are, in fact, a gift of the same freedom of expression that Aquino's martyrdom and the sacrifice of thousands of others helped bring back to life.

Thirdly, we should accept the reality that the press of ordinary life can flatten even the most robust historical milestones. A keen student of history, Aquino must have known that his real fate was not up to Marcos, but to posterity itself. We need to keep the flame alive ourselves; without our constant remembering and re-living, it will sputter and die.

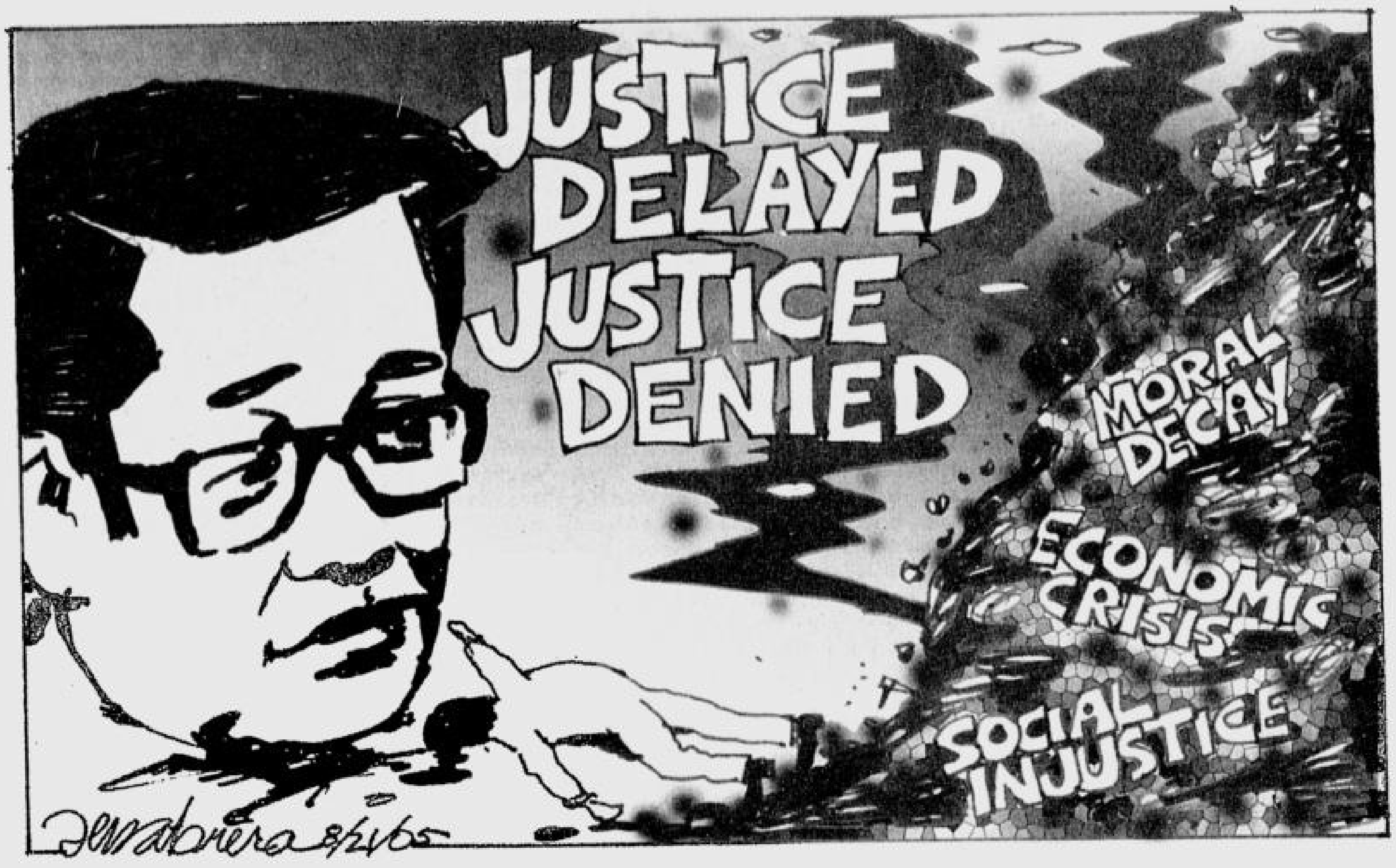
Caution amid terror

FOREIGN COMMENT

LAST month on the heels of the London terror attacks, plainclothes British police were the protagonists of a grave incident ... in which an innocent Brazilian citizen was chased and felled by five bullets to the head "under the suspicion" of being an Islamic terrorist.

This horrifying news caused an uproar in the entire world. It is clear that final responsibility for this death rests with those who unleash terror. But circumstances call for caution and moderation when states use force to repress terrorism ... nations cannot fall into the snare set by the terrorists and respond blow-by-blow to violence.

La Nacion (Buenos Aires)



Due process misinterpreted

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IN A LETTER to the editor, a reader has the temerity to lecture me on due process. He should have carefully read my column of July 7, 2005, before coming to his brash conclusion. He accuses me of not following the law and defying it in an arrogant manner unbecoming a former justice of the Supreme Court. He virtuously points to himself as a worthy exemplar of the citizen who, despite the erroneous decisions of those in authority, tamely submits to them "and accepts them with humility."

Either this reader is lacking in perception or is unduly influenced by the bias he accuses me of. Nowhere in my column, which others may read for a better understanding of our disagreement, did I suggest that the people take the law in their own hands and force President Macapagal-Arroyo out of her office. I suggested that she resign, not that the people should remove her by force in violation of the Constitution. My suggestion was that she should take this step of her own volition in deference to the preponderant will of the people as her sovereign principal.

I said that her resignation would be the peaceful way of easing the tension now gripping the nation because of the serious charges that have been made against her. I will repeat here that the legislative investigations are getting nowhere because the evidence against her is mostly inadmissible or, from witnesses whose sworn accusations are predictably recantable. As for the remedy of impeachment, the reader denounces me for calling it a toothless tiger. He closes his eyes to the fact that to date the House of Representatives has not mustered the one-third vote needed to impeach and the Senate has only some eight oppositionists as against the two-thirds vote needed to convict.

Impeachment is more of a political rather than a legal weapon. In the impeachment of President Clinton for his "lapse in judgment" with Monica Lewinsky and other alleged offenses, all the Democratic senators voted to absolve him despite the strong evidence for his conviction. A similar treatment awaits President Arroyo should the House of Representatives succeed in elevating its charges to the Senate, which even now is prepared to acquit her.

The reader echoes the argument of the Arroyo administration that the surveys conducted in Metro Manila that have consistently shown the President's growing unpopularity do not reflect the sentiment of the entire nation. Secretary Eduardo Ermita says that Metro Manila is not the Philippines. He and his loyal follower prefer to believe the governors and mayors who have avowed their support for Ms Arroyo, but it may also be argued that they do not reflect the sentiments of their constituents.

The reader accuses me of bias in suggesting that the results of the surveys in Metro Manila represent the sovereign will of the people. I may also accuse him of bias in assuming without proof that the rest of the country are in favor of President Arroyo. In Metro Manila, with most of its mayors supporting GMA, she won only in Las Piñas. This was the sovereign will of the people in this metropolis rejecting the mayors and their favored candidate last year.

The recantation of some of the witnesses who had earlier testified against President Arroyo, and the warnings issued against other probable accusers, have strengthened the suspicion that the administration is using all means, not all of them fair, to prevent discovery of the truth of the allegations against her. The continued concealment of Virgilio Garcillano is suspected to be upon orders of the President, who should be the first to have him appear and testify on the Garci tapes to prove her innocence. It is not believable that all our military and police agents can fail to locate this missing witness if their commander in chief orders them to produce him at once.

It is the height of naiveté to believe that everything the government does, however questionable, must be followed by the people in suffering silence as the democratic way of life. That is what the reader says he has done like a willing martyr. I will not be as unreasonably compliant. One of the hallmarks of the democratic ethos is the right to complain through the exercise of freedom of expression. I will assert that freedom that the reader ignorantly describes as a defiance of due process.

Like a spinster aunt afraid of her own shadow, the reader is accusing me of preaching revolution. He should join the satraps of the administration, unless he is already one of them, calling every critic of the President a threat to the national security. Let me inform him that freedom of expression as guaranteed by the Constitution he believes should be followed blindly includes the right to disagree with his prim and robot-like docility. It is not I but he who does not understand due process.

Build on truth

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

TRY this: While sitting, lift your right foot and move it in clockwise circles. While doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Result? Your right foot's movement will change direction—from clockwise to counterclockwise.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 16, 13-20) Jesus showed us that He was not one who would go round and round in circles and who would change directions. Jesus was straight and straightforward. He was one who was not afraid to ask the truth. ("Who do people say that I am?") Neither was He afraid to find out the truth. ("Who do you say that I am?") The reason for Christ's daring for and clarity with the truth: Truth was on His side and He had nothing to hide. When a person becomes lengthy, overzealous, oversolicitous, and even theatrical, most likely, that person is a cheat and a liar.

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When one is on the side of truth, there is a clarity and tenacity. No flip-flopping. No skirting, no backing out. Reminds me of a story about a guy who was trying hard to be impressive. When asked who his favorite American actor was, "Arnold Schwarzenegger" was his curt reply. When asked to spell it, "*Ah, si* Tom Cruise *na lang*" was his embarrassed reply. Cheats and liars will have to eat their words in shame. But why is it that I get the feeling that they are admired and even glorified in our country?

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It is very consoling to hear from Jesus today that those who tell the truth are blessed. Truthful people will be rewarded. Let us take heart and not be dismayed when liars prosper. Their kind of prosperity is temporary. They will eventually get their comeuppance. Besides, there is no greater pain than to lie every night with one's enemy, and that is, oneself. There is no real rest for cheaters and liars. They will keep on seeing the shadows of their lies even after they have put off the lights when they sleep at night. If they get to sleep at all, that is. Yes, truth itself is its own reward.

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How would Judas Iscariot have answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Perhaps Judas Iscariot would have said: "You are the Messiah, Son of the living God...But hey, your ratings are down, money is running low, we are not welcome in this area, your speeches are too long, your advisers are dumb, you should multiply bread more often, stop talking about the cross, don't attack the priests and the bishops, try to please the soldiers...etc, etc." Judas was the pragmatic, not the truthful, apostle. For him, form, not substance, was the important thing. For Judas and many of our so-called public servants today, truth is dispensable, while they are not and their agenda are not.

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To fight for the truth is not easy. Archbishop Oscar Cruz and countless many others like him, who do not have the power and the resources, know how difficult and how disheartening it is at times especially when one is up against the powers- and glories-that-be. But let us take heart. Along with the mission, the grace will be given. As Jesus promised Peter that the gates of the netherworld will not prevail, so too will evil not prosper. As Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven, doors will continue to open and will be opened till the truth really comes out in our land.

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As Jesus built His Church on rock, so too must our country build on solid ground, not on sand. What we are seeing here in our land is the erosion of the basic values on which our Constitution is founded. We must not let fleeting leaders destroy our hopes and dreams, we must not allow our culture to be contaminated with dishonesty, cheating, corruption and manipulations. Strong republic? Only if we have strong leaders.

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As we celebrate World Youth Day in Germany this year, let us neither forget nor belittle the youth in our land. The Church, in particular, must be a listening and present Church to the youth. If we are not there, if we do not listen, the time may come when we would become irrelevant, if not, obsolete to them. The best way to connect with the youth is through the truth. They sense what is not truthful, and they abhor anything that is "plastic." May the Church continue to give witness to and to be the vanguard of truth, especially for the youth.

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Fr. Anthony R. Ceresko, O.S.F.S., was one who spent much of his 32 years as a priest with the youth, especially with those preparing for the priestly and religious life. He was a missionary to India for 10 years, and was a biblical professor at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay. He was a man keen on academics, but he had a heart for people, especially the poor. Disciplined and austere, yet warm and cordial was how people described him. He walked every day for one to two hours, praying, praising God's beauty in nature or just waving at people, stopping by to chat with whoever. Father Ceresko, 63, walked into eternity last Aug. 13. He did not have to use the back door, he did not have to use a Lear jet with a dubious flight plan, he did not have to fake his name, or even, maybe, alter his face to live this world, because he did not need to do these things. Why? Because he lived, a truthful, and a beautiful life.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to live a beautiful life dealt on truth. Amen.

'Leave us alone'

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST Friday, the papers were splashed with pictures of the AFP top brass and newly promoted generals surrounding the Commander-in-Chief. Everyone appeared to be in high spirits, and it looked like the perfect photo opportunity for a beleaguered President confident of her hold on the armed forces.

The last time I saw a similar picture was sometime in February 1986, when senior generals of the AFP were seated with President Ferdinand E. Marcos in a show of strength and unity behind their commander-in-chief. Of course, we all know what happened shortly thereafter. Marcos fled to Hawaii, and the generals simply moved over to the other side without a shot being fired in his defense.

The same thing happened in 2001. The senior generals—the AFP chief of staff and the service commanders, all appointed by President Joseph Estrada—abandoned him and moved over to the side of Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Now, there are many valid reasons to justify the actions taken by the generals. I simply wish to point out that in a crisis situation, one can never predict what will happen. I reiterate what I mentioned in previous columns. In 1986, not everyone in the military followed the generals or the chain of command. In fact, the original breakaway group was a small minority of the armed forces, joined later by other units. In 2001, the senior generals, moving even before the impeachment process had been completed, declared their support for the vice president. In both cases, it was the action of elements in the military organization that provided the tipping point.

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In his valedictory relinquishing command of the armed forces last Monday, outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu called on some politicians and retired soldiers "to leave us alone and let us do our job by ourselves." Let me remind Efren that many retired officers devoted the best years of their lives to the military organization. They are concerned with what is happening to the country and are entitled to be heard.

Perhaps, in western societies, grown-ups can dismiss their elders including their own parents, in such a cavalier manner. But in the Filipino culture, we are brought up to show respect and sensitivity for our elders even when faced with a disagreeable situation. Admonitions, if any, are usually made in private; not before a nationwide audience and are couched in polite terms.

Having said that, let me point out that in both 1986 and 2001, retired officers encouraged members in the active service to join in removing the incumbent because they felt it was in the best interests of our people. It was the counsel and the support of retired officers that contributed to the subsequent actions of the armed forces.

So, the question is, where do we draw the line? How do we keep active officers out of politics and retired officers minding their own business, such as lowering their golf scores?

I do not presume to have all the answers. But there are a few ideas—not really new—that I wish to raise.

First, we must continually strive to achieve a truly professional armed forces. A step in the right direction would be to put an end to the present revolving-door policy as regards the position of the AFP chief of staff. Everyone is saying the same thing, but no one up there seems to be listening. This policy, which has produced eight chiefs of staff in the four years of the Arroyo administration, can only lead to the development of a private, rather than a professional, army. We could also use more stability of command for major service commanders and the Philippine Military Academy superintendent, a recognition of the vital role of the Academy in the formation and development of the officer corps.

Second, we must not allow the degradation of the military organization by using its resources—human and material—for activities benefiting solely politicians and certain individuals. A case in point is the assignment of military personnel to governors, congressmen, senators, Cabinet members and other government officials as aides and security officers for carrying the politicians' briefcases and opening doors for the latter. Another is the use of intelligence capabilities for political purposes. All these send the wrong signals to the men in uniform and do not contribute to the fighting strength of the armed forces.

Third, in the ultimate analysis, it is good governance that will keep our soldiers, active and retired, in line. They need to see that our leaders are not hampered by questions involving integrity and credibility. They must feel that our people are being served and protected. They must be secure in the belief that their leaders are looking after their welfare especially during difficult periods. Only then will they quietly accept their roles in society.

Ninoy in 'black & white'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

TWENTY-TWO years ago today, also on a Sunday, Ninoy Aquino came home in the hopes of meeting with President Marcos—whom reports had said was seriously ill—and of talking to the dictator about voluntarily stepping aside and making way for a democratic transition.

Despite the passing of the years, I can still remember clearly what I was doing that afternoon. I was at home, feeling poorly, and following the events at the airport on TV. I had heard news of Aquino's homecoming days before, but despite my admiration for the man's charisma and articulateness, I wasn't all that fired up. To my mind, he still belonged to the discredited generation of pre-martial law politicians, sharing in the responsibility of creating the kind of unjust society that had driven students to the streets during the First Quarter Storm and in the years until the declaration of martial law. If I felt anything about Aquino's return, it was perhaps curiosity, mixed with not a little excitement at what his homecoming would bring to the political arena.

And so I was jolted by the scene unfolding on TV. I jumped up from my sick bed and sat closer to the screen, trying to comprehend the scene before me, now burned into our consciousness and in countless depictions. There was "the man in white" lying sprawled on the tarmac while soldiers wielding long arms crept around his prone body, swiveling in what looked like comical play-acting. I had yet to appreciate the other prone figure lying still nearby.

"They killed him, I can't believe it, they really killed him!" I muttered as the images flickered on-screen. Talk of a possible assassination had circulated in the previous days. In fact, it was this gossip that the Marcoses had tried to use to prevent Aquino from returning. But while many believed Ninoy was indeed taking a big risk by bringing his Boston exile to an end, the majority also believed, and I shared the opinion, that the Marcoses would not be so stupid, or brazen, as to kill him upon his arrival. Still, as I gazed at that image of his body lying on the tarmac, I just knew who was responsible for Ninoy's death. Whether Marcos or Imelda ordered his assassination, or some overzealous underling acted on his own, is even now still under contention. But at the end of the day, the Marcoses would still have to bear ultimate responsibility. The rest of the country immediately came to the same conclusion.

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IF by ordering Aquino's killing the Marcoses had hoped to preserve their reign, they surely realized soon enough that his death had in fact hastened their fall from power.

And Ninoy Aquino, by his sacrifice, had been transformed, at least in the eyes of skeptics like me. Granted he had been, before his incarceration and exile, a politician with the same ambitions and desire for power as Marcos and all other politicians before him and since then. But by risking his life, despite all the warnings—veiled and otherwise—Ninoy proved his total dedication to the cause of freedom. It was behavior antithetical to that of the typical politician who is concerned with self-preservation above all else.

So it is only right that we remember Ninoy's sacrifice today, even if the public observance of his death anniversary is quite muted, marked only by a few yellow ribbons, yellow banners and, perhaps, the traditional Mass at his gravesite attended by family and friends.

I remember once again the story told by his brother, Makati Rep. Butz Aquino, about the shooting of a scene re-creating the historic massive funeral march for Ninoy, in the movie "Dekada '70." The director Chito Roño was exhorting the crowd of extras to show more emotion, the requisite sorrow and indignation, because they were supposed to be mourning the death of Ninoy Aquino. The mostly young crowd looked back at him blankly, obviously unaware of who Ninoy Aquino was. Realizing this, Roño sighed and suggested: "Just pretend you're at the funeral of Rico Yan." And at that the extras finally gave the director what he wanted.

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PERHAPS, an even better way of remembering Ninoy and paying homage to his sacrifice would be to take part in the launching today of the "Black & White Movement," described by its founders as "a broad coalition of middle forces who would like to stand for what is right in the current political crisis."

Why "Black & White"? Because cheating, especially in elections, is a moral issue, they say, "where there are (or should be) no gray areas, only black and white." If Ninoy's death united Filipinos just as we were on the verge of "hopelessness and despair," say the founders, "today, our nation once again cries out for unity. We have become not just a nation divided, but a people fragmented." But while surveys show that the majority of Filipinos may believe that indeed President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated her way to the presidency, "we can't seem to agree on a post-GMA scenario." The "Black & White Movement" launch, then, is meant to gather concerned citizens willing to invest time, effort and creativity in "building consensus on a common manifesto; and planning concerted actions."

The action part seems particularly urgent, what with Malacañang avowing support for the search for truth on one hand, while doing its best to stop the truth from emerging on the other. We can't count on the "rule of law" any longer, it seems, if the law is being twisted to cover up the truth.

The "Black & White" assembly will be held today, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at La Salle Greenhills. Those attending are urged to come in black-and-white outfits.

If Ninoy, as someone once wrote, "made yellow the color of courage," then perhaps it's time we turned black and white into the colors of truth, principles and freedom with justice.

Truth and pragmatism

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

NO word, perhaps, has been more maligned in the vocabulary of politics than "pragmatism." It connotes lack of scruples, ruthlessness and even immorality. Pragmatic persons are thought of as those who use any means available, no matter how dishonest, to achieve an end. In its philosophical sense, however, pragmatism simply refers to a way of viewing truth from the perspective of action. Truth is "what works."

This view contradicts the commonsense notion of truth as objective representation of reality. It also opposes the belief that the goal of science is to pierce the veil of appearances in order to get to the bottom of reality. All truths are contextual; they are nothing but beliefs that produce effective action. In the words of the American philosopher Richard Rorty, "there is no such thing as the disinterested pursuit of truth: no interesting separation between practical deliberation and theoretical inquiry. All thinking is a matter of problem-solving."

In the past few months since the "Hello Garci Tapes" became known to the public, the quest for the truth behind the 2004 presidential election has become the battle cry of those demanding Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's ouster. We first heard it when Congress was canvassing the votes for the president and vice president. The opposition said that the truth lay hidden in the unopened election returns, and demanded that they be examined. The majority "noted" the objections and told the opposition to go to the Presidential Electoral Tribunal to file a protest. Fernando Poe Jr. did that precisely. But when he died unexpectedly, the PET decided to bury the truth with his corpse by dismissing his widow's petition to keep the protest alive.

Many questions were left unanswered, but the public seemed inclined to drop the quest for the truth behind the 2004 election. The nation wanted to move on and leave behind the memory of a controversial and divisive contest. People were willing to give Ms Arroyo the benefit of the doubt, but they were also hoping that she would use this new mandate to turn the country around by acts of exemplary leadership. This has not happened. No better measure of Ms Arroyo's ordinariness as a politician is there than the way she has responded to the present crisis.

What we have seen telescoped for us in the last two months is the kind of opportunistic and sleazy leadership that has bedeviled the nation since independence. There is no honor, no nobility, no high-mindedness, and certainly no gravitas in this kind of politician. Instead of raising herself above the run-of-the-mill politicians she has had to deal with in her rise to the presidency, Ms Arroyo is content to offer an excuse for what she has become by blaming a dysfunctional political system.

People look to their leaders not for an affirmation of their basest instincts but for a model of what they can be. Each day that Ms Arroyo remains the highest leader of this country, Filipinos lower their expectations of themselves. They start to doubt their own ideals and question the meaning of striving.

In the end, it is not so much the truth of the 2004 election that matters, but the truth of what we want to be as a nation. It is not the truth of the Garci tapes that we are really concerned about, but the truth of what we need to do to rebuild our democracy. If our collective goals were clear to us, and we could rise above our individual agendas, it should not be difficult to sort out the truths that are important to our country.

If we adopt a pragmatic view of truth, then we may begin to understand why many of our people continue to ask not whether Ms Arroyo cheated in the last election but who can lead the country at this time. The truth of the 2004 election is important to them only to the extent they can imagine a better replacement. In 1986, Marcos exploited this mindset by painting a post-Marcos Philippines that would be ruined by civil war and fragmentation. It was not clear at that time who could take his place, but when the people saw how the nation was already being ruined by his rule, they rallied around an alternative leader. In 2001, it wasn't the truth behind the second envelope that caused the downfall of Erap. What brought the people out into the streets was the clear realization that the country would not survive the incompetence and corruption he seemed to personify. It wasn't because the people wanted Gloria to be president that they brought down Erap. They did so because they thought the country needed and deserved a better government.

Today, the nation finds itself stuck with Ms Arroyo. No further truth is needed to justify unseating her. If an election were held today, no amount of vote-rigging would make her win even under the same Commission on Elections. The public has judged her to be unfit; that is what the surveys are saying. But the truth that has not been found is where we want to go from here. If we can settle that question, the issue of an alternative leader would be easy to resolve.

Impeachment would pave the way for the succession of Vice President Noli de Castro. Though he is not exactly the alternative leader the public has in mind, if it is shown that he was not a beneficiary of the electoral fraud that made Ms Arroyo president, I do not think the country would object to him. Some have offered the option of a snap election. I think the country would embrace it if the impeachment does not prosper. An election has the advantage of forcing a discussion of the country's directions. It may work, or even if it doesn't, it may lead to something better. These are the truths that will unstuck us.

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Fighting terrorism in a democratic way

COMMENTARY

Álvaro de Vasconcelos

BOMBINGS in London and Turkey have brought to the fore the old ideas that authoritarian regimes are better equipped than democracies to combat terrorism, and that such attacks are the price we pay for liberty. For some, that is a price worth paying; for others, the costs seem too high.

But a look at the record shows that democracies possess more effective weapons to fight terror than do authoritarian regimes. Indeed, it is when democracies abandon their ethics and fail to resist the authoritarian temptation that they become weaker.

Of course, the logic behind calls to restrict our freedoms has a simplistic appeal: extremists use our freedoms to commit their crimes; so preventing the abuse of freedom requires curtailing freedom's scope. The mistake, however, is to assume that open societies are more permissive and vulnerable to terrorism than those who live under authoritarian regimes. One need only look at today's Russia, or recall Algeria in the 1990s.

True, democracy and the rule of law provide no foolproof security guarantee. But such a guarantee is a mirage anyway, whereas respect for basic freedoms and due process when repressing terrorism is a powerful instrument to isolate extremists and diminish their legitimacy in the eyes of those who might identify with their cause. It is because Britain is a democracy that respects the rule of law that it has been able to mobilize vast sectors of its Muslim community.

By contrast, authoritarian regimes' repression of civilians and their non-differentiation between civilians and killers provide extremists with fertile recruiting conditions by discrediting the government in the eyes of a significant part of its population. An undifferentiated approach toward political Islamism that fails to distinguish between those who reject violence and those who resort to terror only facilitates the extremists' work, for they emerge as champions of causes that do not reflect their true goals.

Russia provides conclusive evidence of the impotence of authoritarian violence and disregard for the rule of law. President Vladimir Putin undertook a scorched-earth policy in Chechnya, driving many Chechen nationalists straight into the extremists' arms. Terrorist attacks on Russia did not cease or decline. Indeed, recall the terrorism in Beslan in September 2004, in which a single attack on a school killed over 330 people.

Iraq also is demonstrating the limits of illegitimate violence when combating terrorism. The Bush administration now seems to realize this. It would be a mistake to believe that the deaths of thousands of civilians, along with arbitrary imprisonment and torture, do not contribute to the spread of terror in Iraq. After all, torture victims are the best possible advertisement for terrorist recruitment.

When it comes to fighting terrorism, moreover, democracies are more effective both politically and operationally, particularly in terms of their intelligence services. Intelligence forces in authoritarian states are either highly centralized or tend to become autonomous power centers. In either case, they are not subject to public scrutiny and accountability. As a result, they lose their ability over time to evaluate critically their own actions and errors.

Intelligence services in democratic contexts usually have oversight mechanisms that serve to limit abuses of power, and to guarantee effective action by punishing top officials who fail to do their jobs properly. In the United States, a powerful bi-partisan Senate committee directly monitors the intelligence services. Its report on the inability of the intelligence services, notably the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to prevent the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks also contained a series of recommendations for restructuring these services to render them more effective.

Europe's response to terror requires, first and foremost, strengthening its intelligence services so that they can detect and dismantle terrorist cells while respecting basic rights and due process. It also requires greater coordination among all the European Union's member-states and their allies and partners.

At the same time, the rule-of-law approach to fighting terrorism must be a pillar of European cooperation with third countries, namely with those of the Mediterranean, or with Pakistan, thereby contributing to a security culture that is conducive to democratization. Deepening democracy in turn means allowing full civic participation, including that of non-violent Islamic groups. The right to public speech and peaceful assembly must be defended for those who feel marginalized and indignant at what they—and most Europeans—view as injustices committed against the Palestinians, the Chechens and the Iraqis.

Last, but not the least, combating identity-based extremism calls for a greater capacity to integrate all those who live within the EU. The response to terrorism should be to reaffirm the value of the rule of law over arbitrary repression, and of the diversity that is the hallmark of Europe's cities, particularly London and Paris, but increasingly many others across the Union.

We cannot—indeed, must not—cede to terror by building walls around and within our societies. The best response to intolerant extremism is to cultivate an open and pluralistic society that treats all those who live within its borders as full citizens. Europe turned diversity into one of its constitutional traits, and this is why it has had such an impact on the world. Protecting that essence is the best way to honor the memory of the victims of terror, be they from London, Sharm el-Sheik, Madrid, Casablanca, or New York.

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Success management

"We are doing all we can to foster, promote and manage success. And we remain committed to roll out and invest more, taking the long-term view of things. And yes, the Filipino can and deserves equal access to opportunities."

—FBMA chair Roberto E. Aboitiz on the possibility of FBMA Marine Inc. becoming one of the world's leading players in the shipbuilding market

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Running on biofuels

BIOFUELS are becoming a viable alternative to petroleum products because of surging oil prices. Ethanol and biodiesel—the two kinds of biofuel—are not only cheaper but also cleaner than gasoline and diesel. Biofuel can cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90 percent, according to advocates.

Ethanol is produced when crops like sugar cane, cassava and corn are fermented and distilled. It can be used as a gasoline blend or as primary fuel with gasoline as blend.

Biodiesel is diesel blended with an additive using coconut, soybean or rapeseed oil as a base.

There's no need to modify a gasoline or diesel engine for it run on biofuel.

Saving on foreign exchange is one compelling reason the government is promoting biofuels and two other alternative fuels—compressed natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas.

The Department of Energy estimates that the country would save P14 billion a year from fuel efficiency if all vehicles with diesel engines use coco-diesel. The country would save about P7 billion if all gasoline-powered vehicles use a five-percent blend of ethanol.

Besides saving on foreign exchange and helping reduce carbon emissions, the use of biofuels could help the agriculture sector, especially those producing coconut and sugar cane, and perhaps corn and cassava.

Flying V has started retailing biodiesel while Seaoil Petroleum will start selling ethanol pre-blended gasoline on Sept. 1. Pilipinas Shell Petroleum, Caltex Philippines and Petron—the Big Three—have yet to follow suit.

Alternative fuels will help country save on dollars

By the Department of Energy

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The Department of Energy (DOE) is promoting the use of indigenous alternative fuels to reduce the country's dependence on imported oil.

DOE is implementing four major programs under the Alternative Fuels Program: the Coco-Biodiesel Program, the Fuel Ethanol Program, the Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Transport, and the Autogas Program.

Coco-biodiesel or CME program

This was launched in April 2004 by President Macapagal-Arroyo to highlight the following qualities of coco-biodiesel: (1) it lubricates and burns well, and prevents carbon deposits (2) increases mileage by 1 km to 2 km even with 1 percent minimum blend, and (3) reduces emission levels by as much as 60 percent.

Memorandum Circular No. 55 mandated the use of 1 percent *coco-methyl ester* (CME) blend in all government diesel-fueled vehicles. In 2004, the use of CME in government vehicles resulted in cost savings of about P832,000. A total 30,261 liters of diesel was displaced based on 28 agencies that complied with the circular.

CME is similar to diesel that it can be used in diesel engine without modification.

Full implementation of the circular will result in potential savings of P21 million, equivalent to 977,000 liters of diesel a year. *(See Table 1)*

Based on the estimates, a 1-percent displacement of diesel import will save the country about P1.2 billion in foreign exchange. On the other hand, if 5 percent of imported fuel is displaced by locally produced coco-biodiesel, the government is expected to generate foreign exchange savings of P6 billion.

For the transport sector, the use of coco-biodiesel is expected to yield savings to motorists in terms of mileage efficiency. *(See Table 2)*

The oxygen content in coco-biodiesel promotes better combustion in the engine, translating to an increase in mileage. Field tests conducted by the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) show that there is an increase in mileage by 1 to 2 km (or as much as 18 percent) from a minimum 1-percent coco-biodiesel blend in diesel. An 18-percent increase in mileage translates to savings of around 50 centavos per km or between P4 and P5 per liter.

Based on conservative estimates, if every diesel vehicle in the country increases mileage by 10 percent using 1 percent coco-biodiesel, diesel consumption will be reduced by 540 million liters. At P26 per liter approximate price of diesel, the projected savings from the 10-percent increase in fuel mileage amount to P14 billion. *(See Table 3)*

The government will pursue the following strategies for expanding the use of CME: (1) ensure compliance of all government agencies with MC No. 55 as the government can provide a market to jump start demand for CME, (2) implement an extensive information campaign, (3) expand the use of CME in the power sector, (4) obtain stronger participation from stakeholders and ensure compliance of oil companies with Department Circular 2005-2004-003, and (5) pursue passage of a Bio-Fuels Bill and Renewable Energy Bill.

These strategies should make way for the full roll-out of the CME program.

Fuel ethanol program

The program was launched by the President in May 2005 in San Carlos, Negros Occidental when she led the groundbreaking of the country's first bio-ethanol manufacturing plant of San Carlos Bio-Energy.

Ethanol is produced from crops such as sugar cane, corn, grain sorghum and wheat.

The program aims to replace 10 percent of imported gasoline with domestically produced fuel ethanol (initially at 5 percent while building new market for sugar and other feedstock such as corn and cassava) to promote cleaner air and to increase rural employment and income.

DOE is pushing for the passage of the Bio-Ethanol Bill, which provides for the mandatory use of 5-percent blend of ethanol in the second year of implementation. By that time, locally produced ethanol becomes available and could result in gasoline displacement of 236 million liters, equivalent to $129 million in foreign exchange savings per year. At 10 percent in the fourth year, the program could result in gasoline displacement of 536 million liters, equivalent to $294 million in foreign exchange savings per year. *(See Table 4)*

The President has issued Executive Order No. 449 on July 22, effectively reducing the tariff on bio-ethanol fuel. This would assure the price competitiveness of ethanol-blended gasoline vis-à-vis other gasoline products, especially now that there is no local producer of bio-ethanol fuel. The tariff reduction provides an incentive for the oil companies to start importing bio-ethanol fuel to make ethanol fuel available at gas stations.

Natural gas vehicle program

The mother station at the Malampaya On-Shore Gas Plant in Tabangao, Batangas had its groundbreaking in March 2005. It is expected to be completed this month, with the daughter station targeted for operation by September 2005.

To date, six bus operators have been accredited for the program. Targeted for commercial use by December are 200 buses running on compressed natural gas (CNG).

Apart from cost savings from cheap CNG price for the pilot program (at P14.52 per diesel liter equivalent), the initial fleet of 200 buses will result in potential foreign savings from diesel to be displaced. The savings are estimated at $4.72 million. The program may be expanded to 2,000 buses in 2006 using CNG sold at prices competitive with imported fuel.

Autogas (LPG) program

This program is being pushed by the government in line with the Clean Air Act of 1999 because the use of autogas results in almost negligible emission of toxic carbon monoxide.

To date, 108 autogas vehicles are operating in Metro Manila and 329 autogas taxis are running in Cebu City. Autogas vehicle operators claim that they can still save on costs at the current price of P21 per liter even if the distance traveled by autogas vehicles is 25 percent shorter than that by gasoline-fed vehicles.

The use of LPG will lead to up to 20 percent savings from oil change and tune-up, and prolonged engine life.

While LPG is an imported fuel, the program will help diversify sources of transport fuel and take advantage of cheaper supply of imported LPG.

(The article is based on a paper on the government's contingency measures to address surging oil prices.)

Table 1: Projected savings from diesel fuel displacement under CME program

Scope	Blend	Diesel displacement (In million liters/ annum)	Forex savings* (In million pesos)
Government	1 percent	0.98	21
Nationwide	1 percent	54	1,193
	5 percent	271	5,989

* NET FOREX SAVINGS = (PROJECTED DIESEL DISPLACEMENT X DIESEL PRICE) X 85 PERCENT. DIESEL PRICE ESTIMATE AT P26/LITER EXCLUSIVE OF FREIGHT AND OTHER COSTS. ONLY 85 PERCENT OF PROJECTED FOREX SAVINGS WERE CONSIDERED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE 15 PERCENT IMPORTED METHANOL CONTENT.

Table 2: Projected savings from mileage efficiency (for motorists) - CME

Product	Price/liter (in peso)	Mileage*= (km/li)	Cost/km (in peso)	Savings/km (in peso)	Savings/li (in peso)
	A	B	C=A/B	D	E=BxD
Diesel	29	8	3.63		
B1 Diesel (pre-blend)	29.37	9.5	3.09	0.53	5.07
B1 (Diesel + CME bottle)	29.91	9.5	3.15	0.48	4.56

*BASED ON FIELD TESTS CONDUCTED BY THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY

Table 3: Projected savings from mileage efficiency (for the country) - CME

2004 diesel demand	5,418 million liters
Mileage increase*	10 percent
Fuel savings from mileage efficiency (diesel demand x 10 percent)	540 million liters
Forex savings**	P14 billion

*ESTIMATED NATIONAL AVERAGE IF ALL DIESEL FUEL VEHICLES WILL USE 1 PERCENT CME
**PER DIESEL PRICE OF P26/LITER, EXCLUSIVE OF FREIGHT AND OTHER COSTS

Table 4: Potential savings from the fuel ethanol program

Blend	Gasoline displacement (million liters)	Forex savings per year (million US$)
5 percent	236	129
10 percent	536	294

Flying V first to market biodiesel

By Macky M. Lopez

Biodiesel is diesel blended with an additive using vegetable oil as a base. Soybean oil is used as an additive base in the United States, while rapeseed oil is used in Europe. In the Philippines, coconut oil is the raw material for the additive called coconut methyl ester (CME).

Flying V has started selling Envirotek BioActiv BD 100+, a CME-based diesel fuel enhancer in liter packs, at all its stations at P31 a liter, or 60 centavos more expensive than ordinary diesel.

The additive offers several benefits. It helps curb air pollution, reduces smoke-emission, enhances engine performance, protects the engine, strengthens acceleration, and saves on fuel.

If a jeepney covers 60 km using 10 liters of ordinary diesel, it can run 66 km using 10 liters of biodiesel. For every 50 liters of biodiesel, the jeepney driver or owner saves P130.

Baguio

Flying V launched in Baguio on Aug. 1 the first Flying V Station to market pre-blended CME diesel called Envirotek Biodiesel Premium. As part of the city's Bantay Kalinisan Program, the City Council passed an ordinance mandating the use of the product for all diesel engine vehicles.

On Aug. 11, Flying V launched at its station in Cainta, Rizal the sale of its Envirotek Biodiesel Premium. The occasion was graced by President Macapagal-Arroyo in recognition of Flying V's pioneering work in the sale of an alternative fuel that can help the country save on foreign exchange. On the same day, four other Flying V stations in Metro Manila started selling biodiesel.

By September, Flying V will start selling biodiesel in Davao City. Flying V is targeting to make Envirotek Biodiesel Premium available at all its stations nationwide by the end year end.

How did Flying V get into biodiesel?

Clean cities program

On April 14, 2003, Ramon F. Villavicencio, chair of Transworld Asia Inc., which operates Flying V stations, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the United States Agency for International Development to expand the use of cleaner sources of energy for the transport sector under the agency's clean cities program.

Based on the MOU, the Technological University of the Philippines conducted a seminar on the use of CME for the transport sector the following month. The Philippine Clean Diesel Task Force, composed of the departments of energy, environment, trade and industry, and science and technology, the Metro Manila Development Authority, and the Bureau of Product Standards endorsed a memorandum to Ms Arroyo calling for the mandatory use of CME in diesel vehicles.

In May 2003, Flying V and Chemrez Inc. entered into a distribution agreement for the sale of CME. A month after, Flying V and USAID met to discuss the launching of biodiesel. Davao was chosen as the pilot city. The Department of Energy came out with the product standards on CME in July 2004.

The DOE and USAID, meanwhile, were conducting seminars on CME at various cities. In October 2003, the Mayor of Baguio requested Flying V to coordinate with USAID for its inclusion in the clean cities program.

The President issued on Feb. 9, 2004 Memorandum Circular No. 55 mandating the use of 1 percent by volume CME on all government diesel-powered vehicles. The DOE came out with the implementing rules and regulations of MC No. 55 on March 29, 2004 to take effect on July 2004.

Help clean the air and achieve fuel savings. Load up with Envirotek Biodiesel Premium, the fuel for life.

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Army's South Command reduces fuel use

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The military's Southern Command announced it was implementing more drastic measures to further reduce its fuel cost amid the surging petroleum price that is seen to worsen the country's fiscal woes.

Earlier, Malacañang ordered government institutions to drastically reduce their energy and fuel consumption.

Col. Dominador Tutaan Jr., Southcom chief of staff, said the additional measures include the switching off of lights and airconditioning units and limiting the use of computers and other electrical facilities and equipment.

Tutaan did not say how much Southcom has been spending on electric bills before the new measures were implemented.

"For electric bill alone, we have saved as much as P100 thousand since June this year," Tutaan said.

Even the Camp Navarro Hospital has not been spared from the drastic measures.

Hospital director Col. Renato Zerrudo said that in well-ventilated wards, airconditioning units had already been switched off. "We are also putting off the lights early," he said.

Tutaan admitted that the cost-saving measures being implemented at one of the military's biggest facilities have, in some cases, affected their operation.

He said that even the use of military aircraft was being restricted.

However, Tutaan said that in cases of emergency, such as the airlifting of troops, the cost-cutting measures were not being followed.

"We don't sacrifice our operation over some energy-saving measures, we do use a lot of fuel for aircraft and seacraft, for airlift and sealift capabilities and for our troop movement," he said.

Zerrudo agreed by saying that the hospital also goes full blast when treating wounded soldiers. "We could not sacrifice lives," he said.

In Negros Occidental, officials of Western Visayas were urged to "grow" their own fuel by planting jatropha trees to mitigate the effects of the looming oil crisis.

Jatropha curcas trees, locally known as *casla*, bear oil seeds that can be converted into biodiesel.

The appeal was made by Presidential Adviser for Western Visayas Rafael Coscolluela at a Regional Development Council meeting at Mambukal Resort in Murcia town on Thursday.

Coscolluela said studies have shown that jatropha trees grow quickly, mature in two years and need little water or nurturing. Its seeds are crushed to extract raw oil while its husks can be converted into organic fertilizer, he said.

Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Marañon immediately took on the proposal, saying the funds that the province has allocated to plant one million trees would be used to plant jatropha trees. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

BOODLE FIGHT

DENNIS JAY SANTOS/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Graduating cadets of the Philippine Military Academy share a sumptuous meal in a boodle fight during their visit to the Kadayawan festival in Davao City last week.

Palawan to get ₱370M share

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The national government is now willing to release P370 million to the Palawan provincial government after President Macapagal-Arroyo seemed "to have softened on her stand" on the Malampaya issue, said Palawan Vice Gov. David Ponce de Leon.

He said they were able to talk with Ms Arroyo last week and the President said that the previous interim agreement should be followed.

On Feb. 9, the national government and the provincial government signed an interim agreement that paved the way for the release of almost P1.2 billion to Palawan, representing half of the 40-percent local government share. The agreement says that pending the court resolution of the petition for declaratory relief asking for the territorial jurisdiction of the Malampaya Natural Gas Project, the national government will give some amount to fund specific development projects such as roads, livelihood projects and airports.

But not a single cent has been released to Palawan.

The agreement will remain in force until terminated by both parties when Ms Arroyo's term ends or on the execution of a final judgment of the Supreme Court, whichever is earlier.

Gov. Joel Reyes was given authority by the provincial board to file a separate civil action against the national government to release the amount stated in the agreement, if necessary. *Jofelle P. Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Opposition says Malacañang violated law during ARMM polls

COTABATO CITY—An opposition figure said Malacañang violated the law when it caused the release of some P97.5 million to the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) government at the height of the regional elections.

Amina Rasul-Bernardo of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy said Malacañang violated election laws on the 60-day prohibition of transfer of public works funds in this particular case.

The Department of Budget and Management on Aug. 12 released the fund to cover the 15 percent of "mobilization requirement of 2005 infrastructure projects" in the ARMM.

The INQUIRER obtained copy of the DBM communiqué, which was signed by Undersecretary Mario Relampagos for Budget Secretary Romulo Neri.

The letter informed Gov. Parouk Hussin that the amount "was credited to your account in ARMM's GSB (government service bank), the Land Bank of the Philippines branch in Cotabato City."

ARMM Assemblyman Esmael Abubakar Jr. of Tawi-Tawi, who belongs to the opposition, said he was also surprised to hear the news on the fund's release within an election ban period.

Abubakar, whose constituents were supposed to benefit from the fund, said that it could not be disbursed unless the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA) convenes in quorum to allocate the fund and determine its purposes of disbursements.

But he said the RLA leadership has yet to call for a session since the legislative building here was razed by a fire in April.

Two other incumbent assemblymen in Maguindanao said they were also not informed.

The LBP branch manager here said he could not disclose even the date of the fund transfer, except on court order, citing corporate policies under the Banking Secrecy Law.

But a ranking finance official at the Office of the Regional Governor here confirmed that the DBM has released "Fund 101" bearing the same amount, date and purposes.

The official, who declined to be identified, said the release was long overdue, owing to ARMM's early submission to DBM this year of expenditure programs.

The official said the DBM Notice of Cash Allocation may have been forwarded to the RLA, which is tasked by the region's amended charter to craft the fund's allocation and disbursement programs. *Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

'Unfair,' says ex-mayor's daughter of 64-year term

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The family of former Naga Cebu Mayor Paulino Ong decried as unfair and unreasonable the Sandiganbayan's decision imposing a 64-year imprisonment against the former town mayor.

"That's too much because my father is not a thief. He even helped the poor by giving them jobs and yet, he was sentenced to 64 years imprisonment," Ong's daughter Jocelyn said in Cebuano.

Jocelyn said the decision is also impractical because her father is already 71 years old and could not possibly serve a 64-year prison term.

Jocelyn said their lawyer is now preparing a motion for reconsideration to the Sandiganbayan's ruling sentencing Ong to 64 years in prison for failing to disclose his relationship with two relatives who had permanent positions in the municipal government.

Justice Diosdado Peralta of the Sandiganbayan's First Division found Ong guilty of at least eight counts of falsification of public documents. Also convicted were Ong's co-accused, Rosalio S. Galeos and Federico Rivera, the two workers who were related to the mayor. Rivera died in 2003.

The Sandiganbayan based its ruling on the statements of assets and liabilities (SALs) submitted by two employees, and notarized by Ong, that failed to state that the mayor was their relative.

The Sandiganbayan stressed that Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code requires the disclosure of relationships among public officials within the fourth degree of affinity and consanguinity. The two were both first cousins of the mayor.

During Ong's term as mayor, Galeos and Rivera worked under the office of the municipal engineer as construction and maintenance worker and plumber, respectively.

Ong served as mayor of Naga from 1986 to 1998 and then as vice mayor from 1998 to 2001.

Lawyer Rory Jon Sepulveda, Ong's legal counsel, said Ong was shocked, very hurt and demoralized by the harsh sentence.

He said Ong was inadvertently dragged into the case because he was not aware that there was no disclosure of his relationship with two workers when he signed their SALs.

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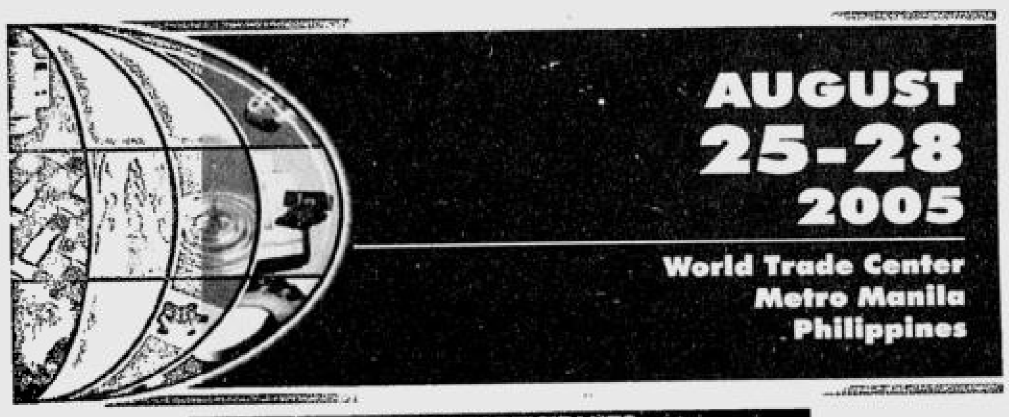

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Road map for Madrasah education

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THE ANSWER to the quest of providing education to every Muslim child is right at the backyard of every Muslim community. With or without the public elementary schools, the Madrasah plays a role as an educational institution specializing on Arabic language and Islamic studies in almost every Muslim village.

Imagine if English, Science, Mathematics, Filipino and Makabayan, known as the Revised Basic Education Curriculum (RBEC) subjects, could also be taught in this institution. The product would be what the locals in the community call "back-to-back," which means a child who has knowledge equivalent to that of the elementary pupil, and with sharpened Islamic values.

However, there are those who are skeptical about this idea. Understandably because this is novel to the tradition of the Madrasah known solely as the center of learning Arabic and thereby understanding the Koran. But there is also a group of Islam believers who note the obligation of every Muslim "to seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave" as inscribed in the traditions of the prophets that make the acquisition of knowledge compulsory to all Muslims.

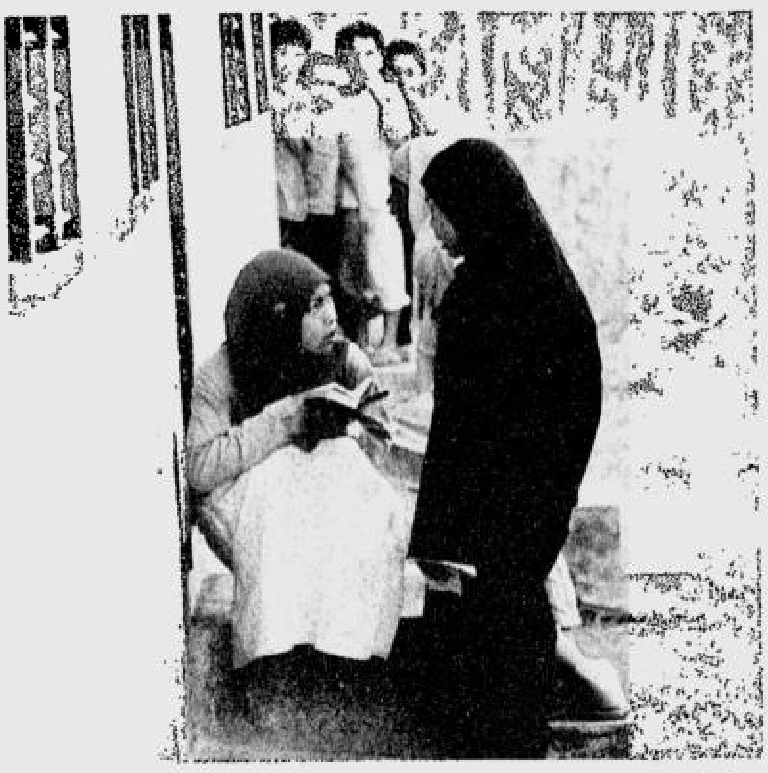
The World Conference on Muslim Education named a two-pronged knowledge as the Revealed Knowledge which is "based on the Divine revelations" and the Acquired Knowledge which "includes social, natural and applied sciences, which are susceptible to ongoing growth and cross-cultural borrowings, as long as consistency with the Shari'ah (Islamic Laws) as the source of values is maintained."

The Conference espoused the belief that "the full blossoming of man as the khalifatullah (the stewards of Allah) will be possible only through integration of faith and intellect and through a common religious approach to all kinds of knowledge."

Is this possible?

Currently, the Maa'had Ibnu Salem Al-Islamie and Madrasah Kunakon Al-Islamie in Midsayap, Cotabato, the Madrasah Pahamuddin Al-Islamie in Pigcawayan, Cotabato, the Maa'had At-Tawnia Al-Islamie and Madrasah Darul Hikma Al-Islamie in Talipao Sulu, the Madrasah Duaminanga Al-Islamie in Datu Piang, Maguindanao, the Hadje Jama Tapodoc Madrasah in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur are proving this possible but with much hard work and challenges.

Firstly, the teachers or Asatidz (plural for ustadz) of these Madaris (plural for Madrasah), while experts in teaching Arabic and Islamic studies, have very little knowledge of the RBEC subjects. But they have surprisingly developed skills in teaching the RBEC subjects after the series of intensive and close-in mentoring. The 22-day English Proficiency course conducted by the University of Southern Mindanao College of Education enhanced their skills in the English language. This was followed by the seven-day RBEC orientation and the use of textbooks and teachers manual followed by the training on the use of lesson plans for grade one and instructional materials development mentored by the four Department of Education district supervisors along with the four school heads from Midsayap's four districts.


OLDER students in an Islamic school in Matanog study outside their four-door building before the start of their examinations on the Arabic language. Classes on Arabic subjects and the Holy Koran are held on weekends for Muslim children. LYN RILLON

Continued close supervision and mentoring will also be done by the DepEd district supervisors, the school principals and the Madrasah administrators to ensure that RBEC, Arabic and Quraanic subjects are taught well in the Madaris.

All these trainings and the provision of instructional materials, school kits and Madrasah classroom enhancement are supported by the Pilot Madaris project of the Ascend (Assistance for Comprehensive Educational Development) Mindanao facilitated by the DepEd and Save the Children with support from the US Agency for International Development.

DepEd Undersecretary Manaros Boransing said that "what Ascend is doing should serve as a model for all other future assistance to Madaris development in the Philippines."

Teachers in the barrios

Like teachers to the barrios, the Asatidz are at the frontline of this innovative educational process and long been offering their time and voluntary service in teaching the children in the Madrasah even in remote Muslim villages.

Ustadz Mohammad Ali Abdullah, the principal of Maa'Had Ibnu Salem Al-Islamie, declares: "We are just doing our obligation as Muslims. And if there is one or two children who learn how to read the Koran, Allah will surely have mercy and be generous to give reward."

The Madaris have been sustained for centuries because of Asatidz like Ustadz Mohammad Ali whose dedication surpasses the odds of recurring conflicts, financial difficulties and lack of instructional materials. Without definite remuneration of their services, the Asatidz look for other income-earning activities to support their families. Consequently, Madrasah pupils attend their classes either on Friday to Saturday or from Saturday to Sunday only. Undoubtedly, lesser pupil-asatidz contact time means lesser learning.

This is one of the challenges of the Pilot Madaris. Teaching the RBEC and the Arabic and Islamic studies would require them to teach five days a week to ensure gradual but in-depth teaching-learning process. But this would entail more time on the part of the Asatidz devoted to Madrasah than them looking for other sources of living. Of course, they do not cease to trust in the Mercy and Generosity of Allah. But they do need support from the government and other sources.

Standard curriculum

A significant milestone in Madrasah education is marked by DepEd Order No. 51 or the Standard Curriculum for Elementary Public Schools and Private Madaris duly adopted by the ARMM Government as Executive Order No. 13-A. Both orders recognize that "for the Muslims of Mindanao and other parts of the country, the rightful and legitimate aspiration is to have an Islamic Education that is authentic and appropriate to the Bangsa Moro population." It also stressed that "the significant role of Madaris to provide access to education must be recognized. It is a mechanism of teaching the unreached and providing education that is meaningful, relevant and culture sensitive to Muslim children."

"We want our children to grow up as professionals imbibed with the values of Islam. We want them to become doctors who will treat his or her patients as a matter of religious duty to his or her brothers or sisters. We want them to become engineers who will build bridges moved by the values of strengthening relationships with his or her brethrens," Boransing said.

A total of 210 grade one Madrasah pupils in the seven Pilot Madaris now tread this new path of learning.

The simple bags and school materials given to them elicited expressions of joy that signals a hopeful start. During the opening day of Maa'had At-Tawnia Al-Islamie on July 14, a child received the same school materials. This same boy held his bag on his chest and embraced it tightly like he would never give it away.

Joe Agarano, program director of Ascend-Mindanao, said that "graduates of these Madaris can directly enroll in public high schools or continue in the public elementary should they choose to transfer as their subjects are accredited by the Department of Education."

Perhaps this is the kind of education that will bring about peace in Muslim Mindanao. An education that opens the mind of every Muslim child to the vast areas of knowledge while sharpening the Islamic way of life through the Arabic and Quraanic or Islamic teachings.

Insha'allah (God willing).

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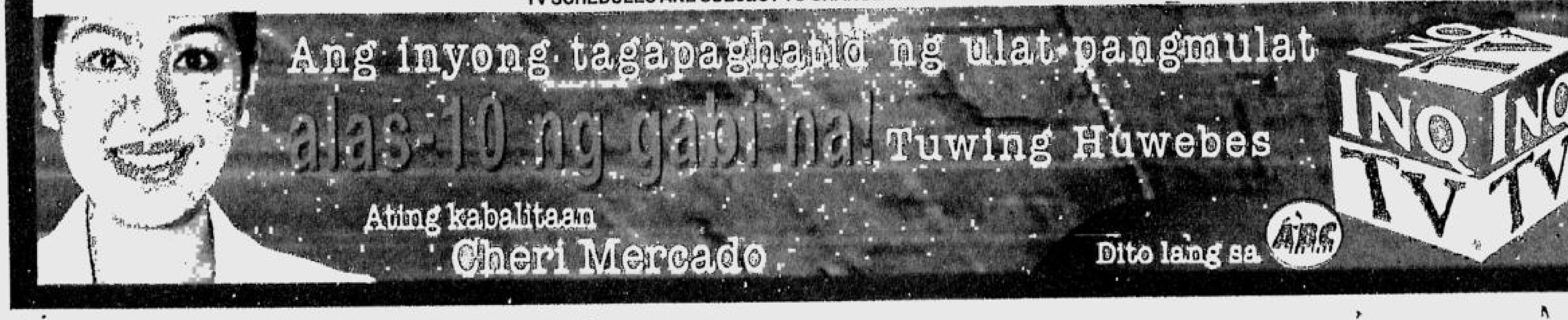
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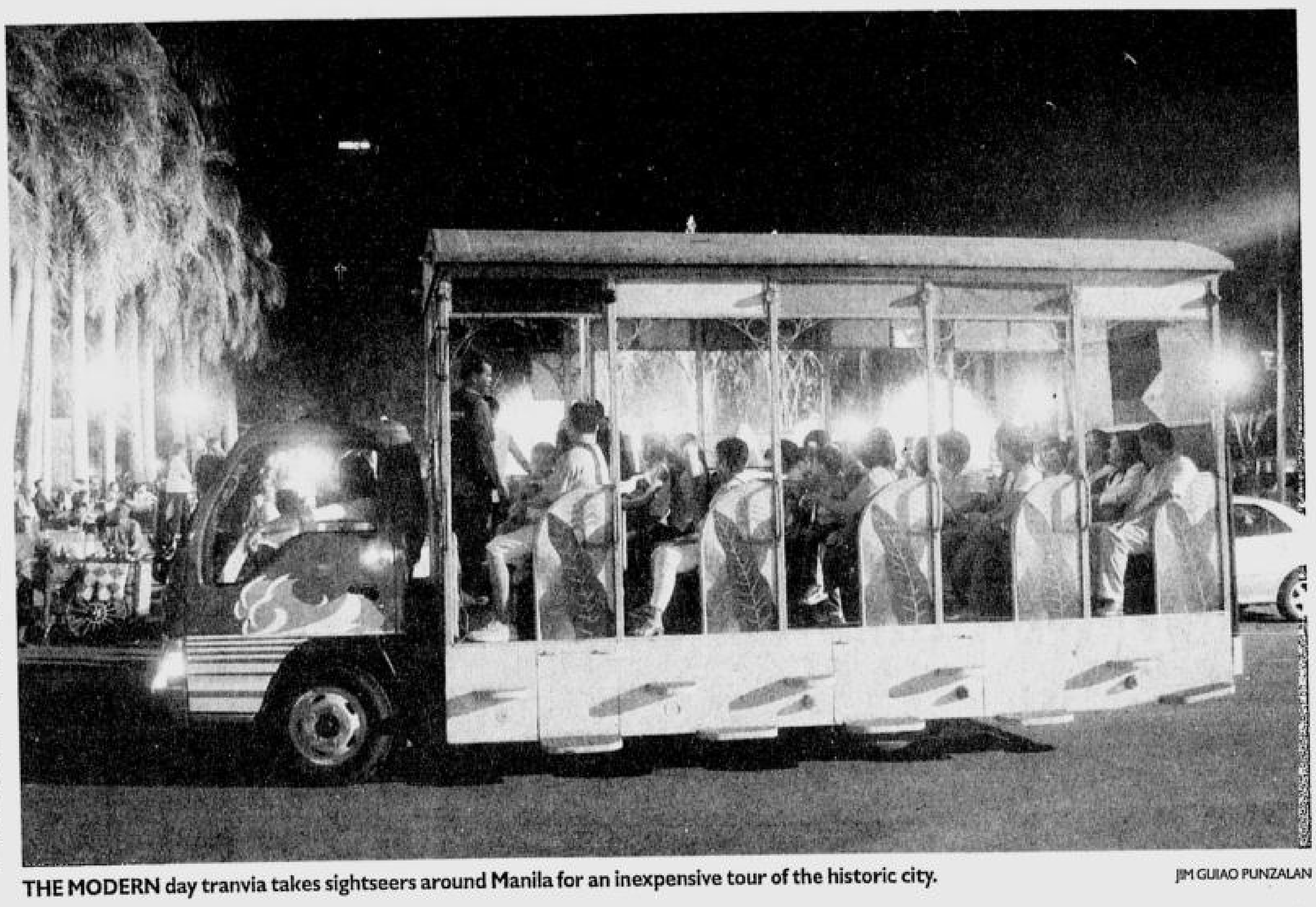
‘Tranvia’ makes a comeback in Manila

By Tina G. Santos


THE MODERN day tranvia takes sightseers around Manila for an inexpensive tour of the historic city.
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

GONE are the days when people would take a *calesa* to go sightseeing in Manila.

The horse-drawn carriage appears to have joined the list of endangered, if not vanishing, modes of local transport.

Nowadays, people who want to visit the city's scenic spots, particularly Manila Bay, renowned for its postcard-pretty sunsets, ride on a tall, open-sided minitruck called tranvia that looks like the pre-war streetcar of the same name.

Nostalgic

"People find riding (the tranvia) more exciting and nostalgic, I guess, when they learn that the same type of vehicle—operated by electric cables and running on railroad tracks—plied practically every major Manila street in pre-World War II days," said the truck's owner, Rufino "Jojit" Bunsoy, a former city councilor.

Bunsoy's eye-catching tranvia—its yellow gold body painted with the exotic and colorful bird of paradise flowers—was actually an Elf truck made to look like the old public transport in pre-War Manila.

Help from friends

Bunsoy's design was transferred from paper to truck with the help of friends.

"I hired somebody who knew how to weld, then I took care of the color combination since that's what I'm good at. I chose bird of paradise flowers because I think they're very elegant," Bunsoy said, adding he spent almost P120,000 to transform his old truck into a replica of the pre-war commuter vehicle.

The present tranvia has rows of double-seaters and can carry 20 passengers. Food trays are attached to the backs of seats, like in airplanes, allowing passengers to eat in comfort while the tranvia slowly cruises along the stretch of Roxas Boulevard.

All seats are covered with yellow gold leatherette while a huge Philippine flag flutters at the back of the vehicle.

Bunsoy said the tranvia "completes the look" of the Baywalk area, regarded as one of the best accomplishments of the city's *Buhayin ang Maynila* urban renewal program.

Transformed

"It adds color to the place that had virtually become a no-man's land and the favorite hangout of drug addicts and criminals prior to its restoration," he said.

From its "terminal" in front of the Rajah Sulayman Park in Malate, the tranvia ferries sightseers and tourists for only P25 to the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Complex then all the way to Quirino Grandstand in Luneta 5 p.m.to 12 midnight daily.

Inexpensive tour

Passengers find that the ride is one of—if not the, cheapest forms of sightseeing in the city. They not only catch a glimpse of the monument of the national hero, Jose Rizal at the Luneta Park but also get to enjoy the splendor of the Manila Bay sunset.

The tranvia took to the road on Sept. 29, 2001, the birthday of Bunsoy's wife, Myrnalyn.

"It was my gift to her. Its first passengers were her guests," he said, adding that food and drinks were served for the occasion.

Concept is born

But Bunsoy conceived the project a few months before his wife's birthday when his then newly opened coffee shop behind the Rajah Sulayman Park ran short of chairs.

"I think that was Valentine's Day. My coffee shop was so jampacked we did not have enough chairs. I thought I should come up with something where people could comfortably sit and enjoy good food and the scenery at the same time. That was when the tranvia came to mind," Bunsoy said.

For city's guests

Apart from regular trips, the tranvia is also used by the city government to show its foreign visitors around, he added.

"It is used to drive around beauty contestants, ambassadors and other foreign visitors," Bunsoy, now officer-in-charge of the Manila Parks and Development Office (MPDO), said.

The unique vehicle, featured in several television programs, is also rented out to different hotels in the city as well as other government agencies.

Once, Bunsoy said, a rich businessman even rented it for his wedding.

"It was used to take the entire bridal entourage to the church and reception," he beamed.

But the tranvia has brought more than just excitement to passengers. It has been a big help to some.

Additional income

Rudy Adriano, 53, a father of four and maintenance personnel at the MPDO during the day, said his earnings from driving the tranvia helped him send his children to school.

Drivers and conductors get 20 percent of the tranvia's earnings for the day.

On regular days, especially in December, considered the peak month, Adriano makes around P4,000.

When business isn't too good, he averages P1200.

Adriano said his extra income also helped pay for the hospitalization of his wife, who had a stroke recently.

Extra income

Rostum Barcelona, 43, said his income as tranvia conductor supplemented the family's daily budget. Barcelona works as a dental technician by day.

Bunsoy said he planned to have another tranvia that would also double as a restaurant.

"It will be something like a mobile restaurant. Instead of bringing in food, passengers can choose from the wide array of food and refreshments that we will be serving on board the tranvia," he said.

"In my own way, somehow I hope to take more people on a whimsical journey back to old Manila," Bunsoy added.

Religious group picks dirtiest for apostolate

By Nancy C. Carvajal

FOR A week now the once murky water of a creek in Barangay Tonsuya in Malabon City has been flowing free of dirt and waste.

That is thanks to members of Sonshine Philippines Movement or SPM.

The creek has been considered by environmentalists as the dirtiest place in the city.

On the second Saturday of their clean-up drive, more than 200 SPM members dug up and removed dirt that had accumulated in the waterway for years.

"As part of the ministry's program we look for places where we can help," said Annie Douglas an SPM volunteer.

Douglas said SPM was founded by Pastor Apollo Quiboloy of the United Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

"It's our way of helping propagate the word of God, because we believe that cleanliness is also godliness," said Romy Bordaglatan, another SPM volunteer and member.

Bordaglatan said many of the volunteers take a leave of absence from their work to be able to do the community service.

Former bank employee slain in Pasay attack

By Jocelyn R. Uy

A COUPLE'S Saturday morning routine was abruptly interrupted yesterday when they were shot by two motorcycle-riding assailants in Pasay City.

Benjamin Beltran, 52, and Eleine Luna, 35, were about to start their usual tennis match at the Philippine International Convention Center at the CCP Complex on Roxas Boulevard at 6:45 a.m. when the gunmen struck.

Bank employee

Beltran, a former bank employee, was killed, while Luna, 35, an employee of the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corp., was seriously wounded.

Beltran and Luna had just gotten off a green Mitsubishi Land Cruiser with plate number PJJ 633, which they parked in front of the Folk Arts Theater when the attackers, armed with a handgun fired at them, investigator P03 Nestor Rubel told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Just arrived at PICC

"They just arrived at the PICC to play when they were attacked," Rubel said.

Witnesses, Marvin Mendenuete and a student, Christian Oligario told the police that the gunmen fired four shots at the victims.

Beltran died right away after he sustained a gunshot wound in the left cheek and left hand. Luna was hit in the right leg and hand.

The woman was immediately brought to the Manila Doctors Hospital and was last reported in stable condition, said Rubel.

A routine for 2 years

While recovering at the hospital, Luna told the investigator that she and Beltran had been going to the CCP Complex every Saturday for the past two years to play tennis.

"But she said it had been a week that they had not seen each other to play tennis," said Rubel.

Police have ruled out robbery as a motive for the killing.

"The victims' money and jewelries were intact," Rubel noted.

However, Rubel said, the attack might have something to do with the relationship of the victims.

Married, separated

Beltran was married while Luna is separated from her husband.

"That is one angle we are looking into," he added.

The police have yet to establish the identity of any of the suspects. However, Rubel said witnesses would be able to easily identify the gunmen because these were not wearing any helmets during the shooting.

METROBRIEFS

Group for charity

DR. JAMES G. Dy, president of the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association Inc., owner and operator of the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center and the Chinese General Hospital-College of Nursing, inducts the newly officers and members of the CGH-College of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc. The officers are Petra Chante, president; Marcelina Ang-Puno, vice-president; Amor de Belen, secretary; Rosita Virtucio, assistant secretary; Angelina Badillo, treasurer, and Ma. Lolita Cabatotan, auditor. The new directors and advisers are Cita Alcantara, Gloria Go-Yang, Eleanor Carreon, Erlinda S. Tan, Lilia D.P. Eufemio and Marcela Chuachiaco.

175 to Graduate from UP Open University

THE UP Open University will hold its 9th Commencement Exercises on Aug. 27, at the D.L. Umali Auditorium of the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños Laguna. UPOU Chancellor Felix Librero will lead the ceremonies which will also mark the program's 10th year anniversary, the theme of which for this year is "Creativity, Collaboration, and Convergence." A total of 175 graduates will be led by Gremil Alessandro A. Naz, Boy Randee C. Cabaces, Ricardo B. Oribiana and Lucita M. Jasmin, who received the highest grades throughout their studies at the UPOU.

Snatcher pushes luck

ORLY Rivero got lucky when he grabbed the Sony Ericsson T68 of nurse Milnaluz Songco, so he tried it again on the Nokia 8210 of cashier Evelyn Wenceslao. This time, however, his luck ran out. Rivero, 30, was collared by police after snatching the phone of Wenceslao at 8:30 a.m. His worse mistake was he did the very same tact at the same place in front of the Commonwealth Public Market in Quezon City just 30 minutes apart. Both Songco and Wenceslao were on board a passenger jeepney when Rivero, accompanied by two other men, struck. Rivero's companions were luckier, though, because both eluded arrest

DJ Yap

J. Tolentino; 84

JOSE M. Tolentino of Pulilan, Bulacan, and Batac, Ilocos Norte, died Friday. He was 84. Tolentino, a World War II veteran, is survived by his children—Joy and Gerry, Jane and Danny, Jamela and Bernie, Bong and Tess, Boyet and Joan, Boy and Sally and Joel. His body lies at the La Funeraria Paz in Quezon City. Interment will be on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Holy Cross Memorial Park in Novaliches.

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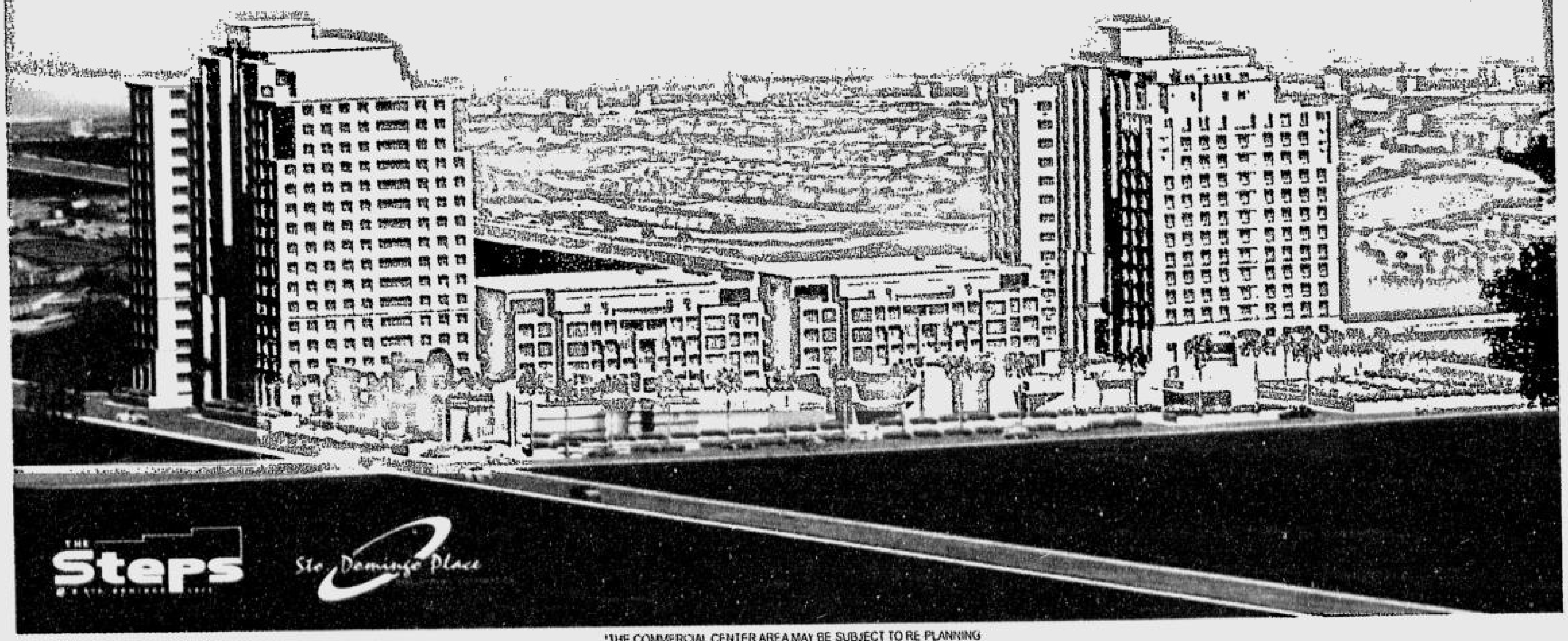

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Eagles clip Falcons' wings

ATENEO Blue Eagles hotshot Magnum Membrere, his arms outstretched like wings, struggles to stay within legal bounds during a loose ball scuffle. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Maroons scrape past winless NU Bulldogs

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE ATENEO Eagles revved up their offensive game early on and cruised past the Adamson Falcons, 71-58, in the UAAP basketball tournament yesterday at the Blue Eagle Gym.

Ace playmaker LA Tenorio took the scoring load for the Eagles, drilling in 12 of his 17 points from beyond the arc.

Forward Doug Kramer also led a strong supporting cast for the Eagles, who coasted to their fifth straight win for a 6-2 record.

"Our two-week break improved our conditioning," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "We know exactly where our conditioning level is and we just have to move it up a notch in our next games."

The University of the Philippines Maroons had to scramble in the closing minutes before posting a 72-67 victory over the winless National University Bulldogs.

The Maroons got huge plays from Marvin Cruz, who shot a game-high 21 points, including two key jumpers that cushioned the Maroons' lead in the final minute.

"Our problem was that we relaxed," said coach Lito Vergara, whose Maroons remained fifth with a 5-4 record.

The Eagles, who also ripped the Falcons in their first encounter (91-75), went on a 13-0 run for an early double-digit lead, 17-6.

The Eagles will be missing the services of Ford Arao for the rest of the season after sustaining an ACL injury in their practice last Tuesday.

UP main man Abby Santos, who just recovered from a bout with measles, restored order in the fourth period after the Maroons squandered an 11-point advantage.

In junior play, the Eaglets joined the Far Eastern Baby Tamaraws on top at 7-1 after nipping the Baby Falcons, 53-50. The Junior Maroons routed the Bullpups, 77-49, for a 6-3 card.

The scores:

First Game (Srs)

UP 72—Cruz 21, Santos 10, David 9, Doruelo 8, Agbayani 8, Vainio 5, Ferrer 5, Gavino 4, Padolina 2, Quebral 0, Epres 0, Buyco 0, Bienvenida 0.

NU 67—Asoro 13, Malcontento 11, Fernandez 10, D. Catamora 10, Sanchez 6, Lingao-Lingao 6, Flor 5, C. Catamora 5, Tungcul 1, Salvado 0, Dela Cruz 0.

Quarters: 25-19, 45-44, 58-60, 72-67

Second Game (Srs)

ATENEO 71—Tenorio 21, Kramer 13, Laterre 12, Membrere 6, Reyes 5, Barracoso 5, Escalona 4, Intal 3, Al-Hussaini 2, Quimson 0, Nazareno 0, Del Rosario 0.

ADAMSON 58—Hate 12, Cabahug 12, Bono 10, Pacheco 6, Tiongco 6, Poloyapoy 4, Canuday 3, Yong 2, Tajonera 2, Basilio 1, Gonzalgo 0, Capati 0.

Quarters: 20-6, 40-22, 52-37, 71-58

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23rd SEA Games

RP shoulders E. Timor stint

MORE than athletic excellence and tourism viability, the 23rd SEA Games will also showcase A-1 diplomacy after the country agreed to shoulder the stint of the East Timor athletes and officials as per SEAG Federation rules. The small country, which achieved sovereignty a few years back, has committed to field athletes in centerpiece events of the Games as track and field and swimming.

The Philippines also enjoys on-the-house privileges in big international competitions under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. Considered as a small country when ranked among the world's best, the country is often a recipient of doleouts from the IOC in world-level competitions as part of its subsidy to member nations.

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LOOK for the entire RP delegation to be in its splendid Yonex attire come the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

The Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc) recently signed a deal with the popular sports apparel to be the official outfitter of Team Philippines to the 11-nation meet set Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

Yonex will be providing the 800-plus strong contingent with uniforms, jackets, shoes and bags worth P50 million.

Marc Anthony Reyes

Cabagnot, SLR agree on contract

By June Navarro

ALEX Cabagnot, this year's second overall draft pick, yesterday secured a three-year pact worth P8.5 million from the Sta. Lucia Realtors.

Sta. Lucia Realty governor Buddy Encarnado and Charlie Dy, Cabagnot's manager, have agreed in principle to sign up the University of Hawaii-Hilo alum with the maximum allowable contract for rookies.

Cabagnot's pact, which will run until July 2008, has matched the contract of No. 1 overall pick Anthony Washington, who recently inked the same deal with the Air21 Express.

"Mr. Encarnado and I agreed that Alex deserves the maximum contract for rookies," said Dy, who also handles Washington and first-rounders Dennis Miranda, Michael Holper and Paolo Hubalde.

"From this year's batch of rookies, I believe he (Cabagnot) has the most impressive credentials," Dy added.

Born in Quezon City but raised in Los Angeles, the 22-year-old Cabagnot started in 23 out of 25 games for the UH-Hilo Vulcans and compiled 116 assists and 48 steals. Cabagnot normed 9.6 points per game in the 2003-2004 US NCAA Div. 2 season.

Cabagnot, who briefly saw action for Los Angeles Valley College prior to his University of Hawaii stint, was a two-time Most Valuable Player at Eagle Rock High School, the alma mater of Barangay Ginebra's Mark Caguioa, whose scoring feats Cabagnot reportedly broke.

Manotoc ties for Active Mid-Am lead

LIPA CITY—Tommy Manotoc struggled a little in his first competitive round in months, salvaging a level 72 on Friday to share a one-stroke lead with darkhorse Jingy Tuazon after 18 holes of the 4th Active Mid-Am Open.

The 56-year-old former national team ace posted two birdies against the same number of bogeys in a 35-37 round over the challenging Mts. Makulot and Lobo nines of the Malarayat here even as Jun Bernis and Abe Rosal churned out 73s for joint third.

Tuazon, a 45-year-old nephew of 1970s amateur standout Emilio, turned in his own version of an even par card with four birdies against four bogeys in a bid to turn the tables on the big guns in the tournament co-presented by the Active Group and Pacsports.

MANOTOC

Asian PGA executive and former pro Boy Blue Ocampo dropped three strokes in a two-hole stretch on the back side to settle for a 74 and a tie with Tuan Nguyen and Benji Sarmiento for fifth, one ahead of solo sixth placer Jose Mari Hechanova.

Defending champion Dave Hernandez had five bogeys in a birdieless round for a 77 to end up tied with Mark and Michael Mendoza, Egay San Luis and Boyet Saragoza going into the final round of the event also backed by the Mount Malarayat Country Club Hotel and The Inns, Asian Spirit, San Agustin Realty Inc., Citibank & Samsung.

Raul Montealto signed for an 81 to lead Herman Hirang and Paul Hubilla by a shot in the Open II division; Pitong Quiocho shot a 77 and held a two-shot lead over Arnold Jumalon in the Master I division and Jun Sanchez assembled a 78 to lead Emil Alviar by three in the Master II division.

Tony Olivez signed for a 72 and led Katy Katigbak by three in Senior I division play and Noli Macasaet seemed poised to run away with the Senior II diadem after an 81 gave him an eight-shot lead over Gerardo Ledesma.

Edwin Arcilla also held an eight-shot lead in Legends play after a 74, with Rudy Gamut and Arthur Reyes in joint second after 82s.

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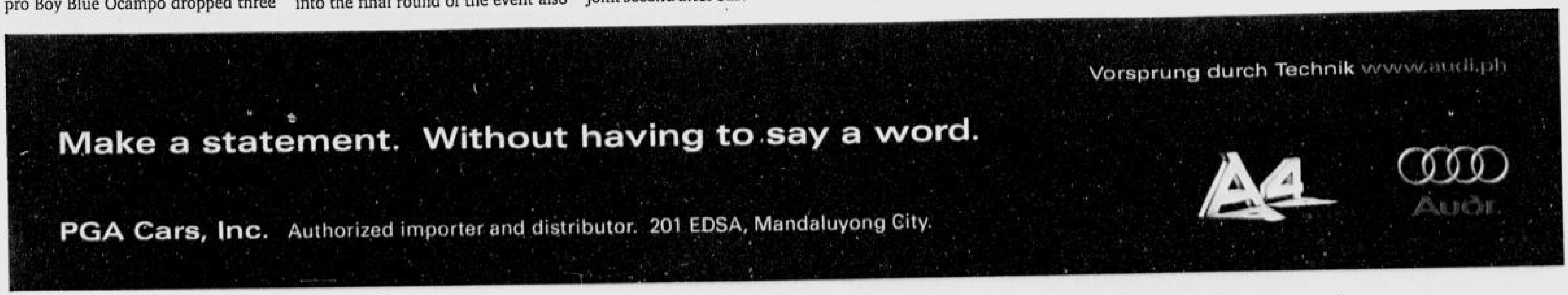
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This model is into road racing

SHE really got heads turning during the Road Racing Championship last weekend at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

Charey Gomez-del Rosario, who already had several elite ramp and commercial modeling stints to her credit, proved a stunner on the race track as well, flashing the natural skills of a potential ace driver despite her introduction to the sport just four days before the event.

Gomez-del Rosario drew raves when she hit the three-minute mark during the qualifying time trials, which is quite unusual for first timers in road racing, who usually submit a time of four minutes or even five minutes on the 3.2 km track.

"I was overwhelmed by the raves. I really don't know anything about record times but I was really surprised when they said I did a good time for a first timer. It's really encouraging," said Charey.

Married to jetski champion and top superbike contender Wacky del Rosario, it was only a matter of time before she became a speed buff as well.

She fell in love with road racing on her first try and decided to join the actual competition under the elite Hirano Racing Team after going through a crash course of top-speed driving courtesy of her husband.

"It must be my adventurous nature. But I always put my heart in everything I get into and I guess that's why I succeeded in all my endeavors," she said.

GOMEZ

Gomez-del Rosario is a culinary arts graduate who ended up doing modeling stints for Patis Tesoro. She did some TV commercials, and even won awards in Fil-Hair competitions. She became a caregiver when she went to the US and, after two years time, became the administrator of seven caregiving homes.

While everybody was thrilled to see her put up a good show against the regular competitors, a crash with another driver spoiled her debut.

"Well, I guess it doesn't always end up good on the first try. But I'm not giving up and hopefully I'll do much better," said Gomez-del Rosario.

Euro Bucks eyes repeat over rivals

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

EURO Bucks outclassed Nothing Impossible, Tiger Song and Vivere in their previous meeting.

The Hermie Esguerra-owned, Putch Puyat-bred galloper tries to do the same against the very same trio today, this time in the 2005 Lakambini Stakes at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

"*Kumpiyansa ako na kaya niya pa* (I'm confident she can still do it)," said Jesse Guce, who will once more guide the 3-year-old bay daughter of Account of Grace out of Leveret.

In the Hopeful Stakes last July 24, Euro Bucks returned from four months of inactivity to win impressively under Guce.

Prior to her vacation, Euro Bucks proved to be a thorn on the side of Speed Advantage before her stablemate Real Spicy eventually stamped his mastery over the colt who ruled the opening leg (Cojuangco Cup) of the recent Triple Crown series.

Last February, Euro Bucks halted Speed Advantage's victory run when she won their Class Division duel via disqualification. Later that month, Speed Advantage labored to win against the filly in the first leg of the Road to the Triple Crown.

Although her recent Hopeful win was accomplished over 1,500 meters, Euro Bucks remains the tipsters' overwhelming choice to prevail in this afternoon's 1,750-meter journey—a distance none of the four participating fillies has tackled yet.

Jonathan Hernandez and Val Dilema will again ride Nothing Impossible and Vivere, respectively, but the handlers of Tiger Song have decided to tap promising apprentice Regan Mamucod in place of Eldy Salvador.

The race offers a first prize of P450,000. The second to third placers will get P168,750, P93,750 and P37,500, respectively.

Two other interesting races—the Chino Roces Freedom Cup and Sweepstakes Maiden—are billed today.

Being There, Wild Orchid and Sound Offer, recent leg winners in the Imported Stakes Series, are colliding in the Roces Cup (1,600m) that also drew the streaking Moab and his coupled bet Suppressed.

Mika's Dream is the entry to beat in the sweepstakes (1,400m) tussle among 2-year-old fillies.

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Race 7—1. Euro Bucks 2. Nothing Impossible

Race 8—1. Romario 2. Eden's Quest 3. Beautiful Jaeda 4. Valiente 5. Kaori Yoks

Race 9—1. Being There 2. Moab/Suppressed 3. Wild Orchid

Race 10—1. Going Strike 2. Golden Harry 3. Dazzling Affair 4. Spell Bound

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Race 13—1. Sir Henry 2. Sweet Felicity 3. Gorgeous Sand 4. Refreshing 5. House of Riches/Divine Diva 6. Pyramid Relaunch

SPORTSWATCH

Blu Girls sweep Asean tilt

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia—Team Philippines avenged the shocking loss by its men's squad to Indonesia Friday as the Blu Girls bashed the Indonesians, 8-0, yesterday to complete a four-game sweep of the women's title in the Asean Softball Championships at the Victoria Institute grounds here. Heidilyn Arca, 22, pitched a three-hitter as the Filipinas dominated the Indons and finished the tournament with an unblemished slate as part of the RP team's preparation for the SEA Games in Manila in November. Indonesia spoiled the country's bid for a sweep by beating the men's team, 5-3. The RP teams stint here was backed by the Philippine Sports Commission chaired by William "Butch" Ramirez, Jean Henri Lhuillier, Accel and Burlington Socks.

Alabang dominates WGAP 5th leg

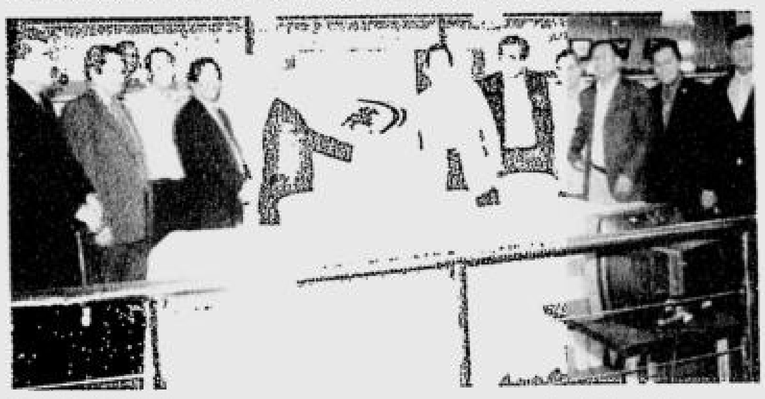
ALABANG broke into the win column in Class A to cap a smashing performance in the fifth leg of the Women's Golf Association of the Philippines (WGAP) Circuit at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club Legends course recently. The ladies from Ayala-Alabang edged Villamor by two points for the Class A plum, topped Class C in runaway fashion and clinched third place in Class C for a solid effort in the three-division competition. Kyung Hye Kim Lee scored 42 points, Finina Gorres tallied 39, Tricia Maclang had 38 and Joan Morales had 33 for 152. A balanced scoring effort by Minerva Castillo (38), Christine Naidoo (37), Ana Haurie (36) and Mila Molera (34) saw the Alabang ladies finish with 145 points, 13 ahead of Mt. Malarayat and an even bigger 24 adrift of third-placer Manila Southwoods. Winning Class B was the Sta. Elena quartet of Renee Francisco (39), Lily Chan (36), Nancy Co (35) and Kristine Lopez (35). They posted a one-point victory over Manila Southwoods with Alabang seven points behind at 138.

5 games kick off volley league

FIVE matches will kick off the Shakey's Girls Invitational Volleyball League (GVIL) starting at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the UST Gym. Newcomers UP Integrated School and University of the East will clash in the opener. Defending champion Colegio San Agustin tackles Imus Institute in the featured encounter. The CSA spikers will play without last year's MVP and best blocker awardee, Ronagen Martinez, who is currently studying abroad. Leading the charge for CSA this year is talented junior Angelica Suiza, who served a record 25-0 last year, and promising Abygail Barbosa. CSA coach Grace Vita said Barbosa is being trained to fill in the void left by Martinez. Other matches pit De La Salle Lipa against PIQC, St. Francis Bacoor versus Diliman Prep, and ICA-Greenhills against host school UST. The event is supported by Toby's Sports, Fruitella Crème Lollypop, Fame & Fortune, INQUIRER 2bU! and One Card.

ABC airs RP-Japan Jones Cup match

ABC-5 will show the game between the RP men's basketball team and Japan in the Jones Cup today at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by one of the Philippine Basketball Association's greatest games at 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, ABC-5 will replay the encounter of the PBA-backed national team against Russia in the Jones Cup also at 7 in the evening. Highlights of the four-day US Senior PGA Championships will be aired starting Tuesday until Friday at 11 p.m. ABC Sports has reserved its 11 p.m.-12 midnight time slot for golf shows.



KLUB Don Juan de Manila president Sonny Arevalo (left) shakes hands with Manila Jockey Club director Martin Cepeda (right) after the unveiling of the KDJM Derby 2005 logo last Friday night at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite. Also witnessing the said unveiling of the logo of the major stakes race sponsored by the KDJM in partnership with the MJCI and the Philippine Racing Commission to be held on Oct. 16 at the SLLP are (from left) Kit Pamintuan, Rudy Pamintuan, Dodo Atienza, lawyer Alex Carandang, Philracom chair Jimmy Dilag, MJCI's Henri Kahn, VG Martinez, Robert Francisco and Rico Cabansag.

Sy grabs pole in 7th round

SENTUL, Indonesia—Asian Formula Three series leader Ananda Mikola of Indonesia is puzzled by Tyson Sy's driving style.

"He's not as smooth on the track as, say, Christian Jones, Dado Peña, James Winslow, even Rodolfo Avila," Mikola said Saturday after watching the young Filipino top gun grab pole position for round seven of the nation-hopping series at the Sentul International Circuit here. "But the time is there."

The only person not surprised by what he did was Sy himself, who clocked one minute and 24.907 seconds at the 3.9-kilometer circuit that is Mikola's home track.

And he couldn't care less about what others say of his driving style.

The only concern for the 17-year-old Tyson is how to parlay his No. 1 position at the grid into victory Sunday, something that he failed to do when he also grabbed pole position in the sixth leg last June in Zhuhai, China, on account of a late race accident with Mikola.

"Topping the qualifying is okay, exciting. But what really matters is how I would do tomorrow. That is the bigger mission—to win," said Sy, lead driver of Speedtech Asia.

Racing enthusiasts can log on to www.asianf3.net and www.pldtmypad.net for race updates and results.

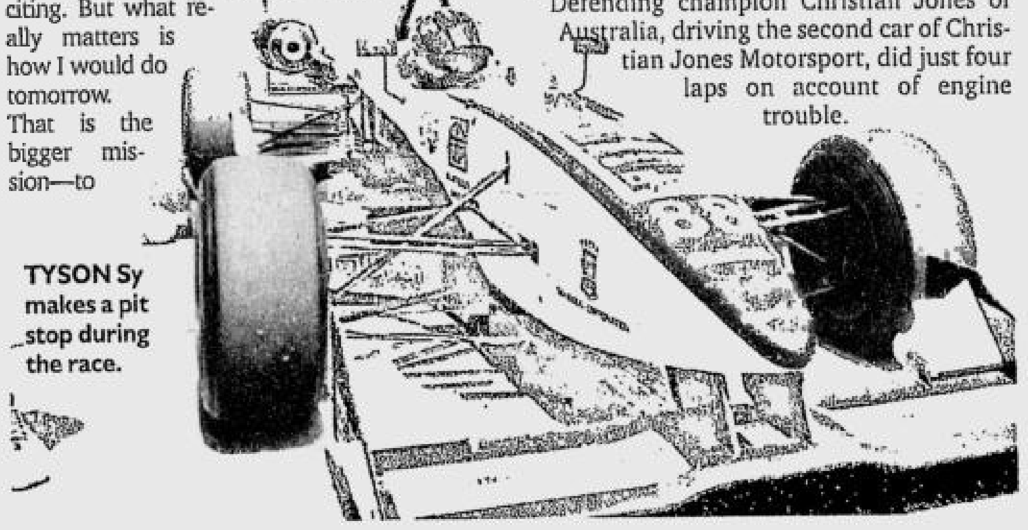
While stressing he is trying not to put too much pressure on himself, Sy welcomed the possibility of a Filipino finally scoring a breakthrough victory this year, aware that folks back home had been longing to see one for a long time now.

His qualifying time, achieved with four new tires at the abrasive Sentul Circuit, was not his best in four tries here, having done 1:23.870 in the second practice run Friday. He attributed this to the heat, but said he is physically ready to meet the demands of the 15-lap race Sunday.

Sy is running seventh in the standings with 36 points, 59 behind Mikola.

Shell Helix Kinetic PCSO's James Winslow, 24, of England, who took advantage of the incident between Sy and Mikola in Zhuhai to win, took the No. 2 position for Sunday's first of two races with a qualifying time of 1:24.952, followed by Mikola of Fastron Racing with Threebond who timed 1:24.982 despite returning to the pits early, giving him time to watch Sy in action.

Defending champion Christian Jones of Australia, driving the second car of Christian Jones Motorsport, did just four laps on account of engine trouble.



TYSON Sy makes a pit stop during the race.

The Zone's shuttlers on the right track

TOURNAMENT host The Zone opened its title-retention bid with two victories yesterday even as Manila Polo Club stayed in the hunt in the Central eliminations of the Battle of the Courts: National Inter-Club Badminton Cup Year 2 presented by Smart:Simply Amazing, INQUIRER Badminton and Mizuno.

The Zone, winner of both the Central leg and the national championship last year, mastered chief rival Manila Polo Club in its first match, 3-0, then returned to also sweep Powersmash for a 2-0 card heading into today's last two matches.

Manila Polo, meanwhile, got going with a 3-0 win over Badminton Extreme and after being swept by The Zone, trampled Cool Shots via the same score.

With The Zone looking poised for a sweep with just Cool Shots and Badminton Extreme to face today, it's going to be a three-team race for the second Central slot allotted for the grand finals.

Powersmash dealt Coolshots its third straight loss and goes into today's matches, carrying a 1-1 win-loss record like Badminton Extreme.

The country's biggest inter-club competition is also supported by Citibank On-Line and Unilever. Wilson is the official shuttlecock while the other supporters are Pinnacle Health Pointe & Pinnacle Spa, Hero, Viva and Powerade. Solar Sports, Wave 89.1 and Jam 88.3 are the official media partners.

The top two teams after the single-round robin eliminations will advance to the grand finals. Valle Verde and Myan's are already in, having topped the East leg last week in Pasig.

Leadership

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THIS COUNTRY is lacking both in leaders and leadership and if you are still unaware of that, where have you been all these years?

We actually have a lot of leaders but who are terribly lacking in leadership.

A leader is one thing, leadership is another. You can have a leader all the time, but not leadership. Leadership is something that is almost inherent, like a glove to a hand.

Like artists, leaders are born. You can't make a Van Gogh out of a house painter.

Like singers, leaders are born. You can't make a Pavarotti out of a Darigold jamboree winner.

Like scientists, leaders are born. You can't make an Einstein out of a quiz bee champion.

In short, leadership does not mean every leader has it. Marcos was a great leader but he lacked leadership. Given the chance, even a slave has leadership. Spartacus was one.

How many leaders are out there who do not deserve to be called that?

A lot.

In any era, you have the true leader and the fake leader. Oftentimes, the fake wins because the genuine is like the good man: Almost always, the good man winds up last.

Take the SEA Games, for example. It has a mix of true leaders and fake leaders.

Michael Keon, who was with the Manila SEA Games of 1981, is back holding a key position in the running of the Manila 2005 SEA Games.

If that's not an aberration, I don't know what is.

Anyone saying Keon made it to the top of Philippine sports in the '80s mainly on his own merit isn't only trying to pull our legs. He is also either a Marcos loyalist or simply being naïve and must be avoided like the bubonic plague.

To the unknowing, Keon is a first-degree nephew of the late dictator Marcos.

And so, if truth be told, Keon is the prime example of how our present leaders lack leadership, or have nothing of it whatsoever.

From 1981 to 2005 is a good 24 years. And in that span, it would seem we haven't moved an inch forward because we had resurrected a man to do it for us nearly a quarter of a century since he left the scene.

Meanwhile, a true leader like Obet Pagdanganan has been unceremoniously dumped.

Hasn't it been said a million times that good men almost always finish last?

The leaders we have now have chosen Keon to lead in some major functions in the SEA Games hierarchy. Pathetic.

This is now the sona (state of the nation) in our sporting life. Old banana, new peel.

And look what Keon had done a couple of days back. He criticized in public alleged shortcomings of the Philsoc leadership to which he incurred a fierce rebuttal from Robert Aventajado of the Philsoc.

Bravo Aventajado!

Some say Keon was a good leader in his time.

I don't buy that.

He looked good because Lydia de Vega made him look good by winning both the SEA Games and Asian Games sprints gold medals under Keon's watch

But Lydia de Vega was already good even before Marcos made Keon the country's sports chief. Keon came at the right time and at the right place (he was originally living in Australia) as Lydia de Vega bloomed when the Marcos kin came to town. The late Jose Sering discovered and polished Lydia. Keon merely reaped the harvest.

Anybody disputing that doesn't know his history, if not martial law politics.

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HATS off to Juvic Pagunsan and Michael Bibat for winning the Singapore Amateur team title on Thursday (Artemio Murakami also competed but only in the individual division-*Ed*), a sterling achievement that should put us in good stead when we gun for the gold medals in golf come the SEA Games here in November.

Speaking of golfers, do you know that Singapore's women's golf team has been practicing feverishly at the Manila Golf Club for almost two weeks now nonstop?

They are that determined and I can only think of one thing to explain their early casing of the venue: Singapore has become that rich it does not entertain second thoughts anymore about how much it would spend to train its athletes.

Before their assault at the Manila Golf Club, the Singapore golfers went to the Riviera Golf Club in Silang, Cavite, for a two-week practice there since Riviera was originally chosen as venue of the SEA Games golf competitions. Alas, Manila Golf Club has replaced Riviera.

Also arriving shortly are Singapore's male golfers, who will proceed to The Country Club in Canlubang to sample the premiere course, site of the SEA Games golf event for men.

I remember what Gary Player once said, "I practice a lot that's why I keep on winning."

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Wild card knocks hobbled Safin out

MASON, Ohio—Wild card entry Robby Ginepri needed only 56 minutes Friday to knock Marat Safin out of the $2.45 million Cincinnati Masters.

Ginepri advanced to the semifinals with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over the hobbled Russian.

Three other high-seeded players advanced to the semifinals. No. 1 Roger Federer beat Jose Acasuso, 6-4, 6-3, later Friday, setting up a match against Ginepri.

Fifth-seeded Andy Roddick overcame a sluggish start and an upset stomach to beat Mikhail Youzhny, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. He'll play third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt, who beat seventh-seeded Nikolay Davydenko, 6-2, 6-3.

Safin was seeded fourth in Cincinnati, but hadn't played since Wimbledon because of a slightly torn ligament in the left knee. He hadn't even practiced much, hoping rest and treatment would get the knee strong enough for the Open.

Safin complained throughout the tournament that the knee still hurt, making him tentative on the court. *AP*

NEC INVITATIONAL

Donald catches Woods on top

AKRON, Ohio—Woods closed with a double-bogey six and an even-par 70 Friday, dropping him into a share of the lead with England's Luke Donald after the second round of the NEC Invitational.

Donald made three straight birdies early in his round and shot 67, joining Woods at 4-under 136.

On the 464-yard 18th, Woods' 8-iron approach caromed off a tree and 20 yards to the right. From there, a 7-iron bounded through the green and into deep rough.

"I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament by making double, and that's a good thing," Woods said. "We've got a long way to go and I'm playing well, so I just need to keep doing what I'm doing."

Vijay Singh was tied for the lead at 5 under until he dumped his third shot into the water on the 667-yard 16th hole and had to chip in with a fairway metal for a bogey.

He shot 71 and was among a group of five at 3-under 137.

Henrik Stenson of Sweden was at 5 under until he found the left rough on the 18th hole, took two shots to advance the ball to the front of the green and also took double bogey for a 71 that put him one shot behind the leaders.

Also at 137 were PGA runner-up Thomas Bjorn, Paul McGinley and Chris DiMarco.

DONALD: Three straight birdies. AP

Rosales, Delasin

In Portland, Oregon, Jennifer Rosales struggled with a two-over 74 to trail Koreans Yim Sung-ah and Kang Soo-yun by a whopping 10 shots at the start of the LPGA's Safeway Classic.

US-based Filipino Dorothy Delasin was five strokes back after a fat five-over-par 79. *AP*

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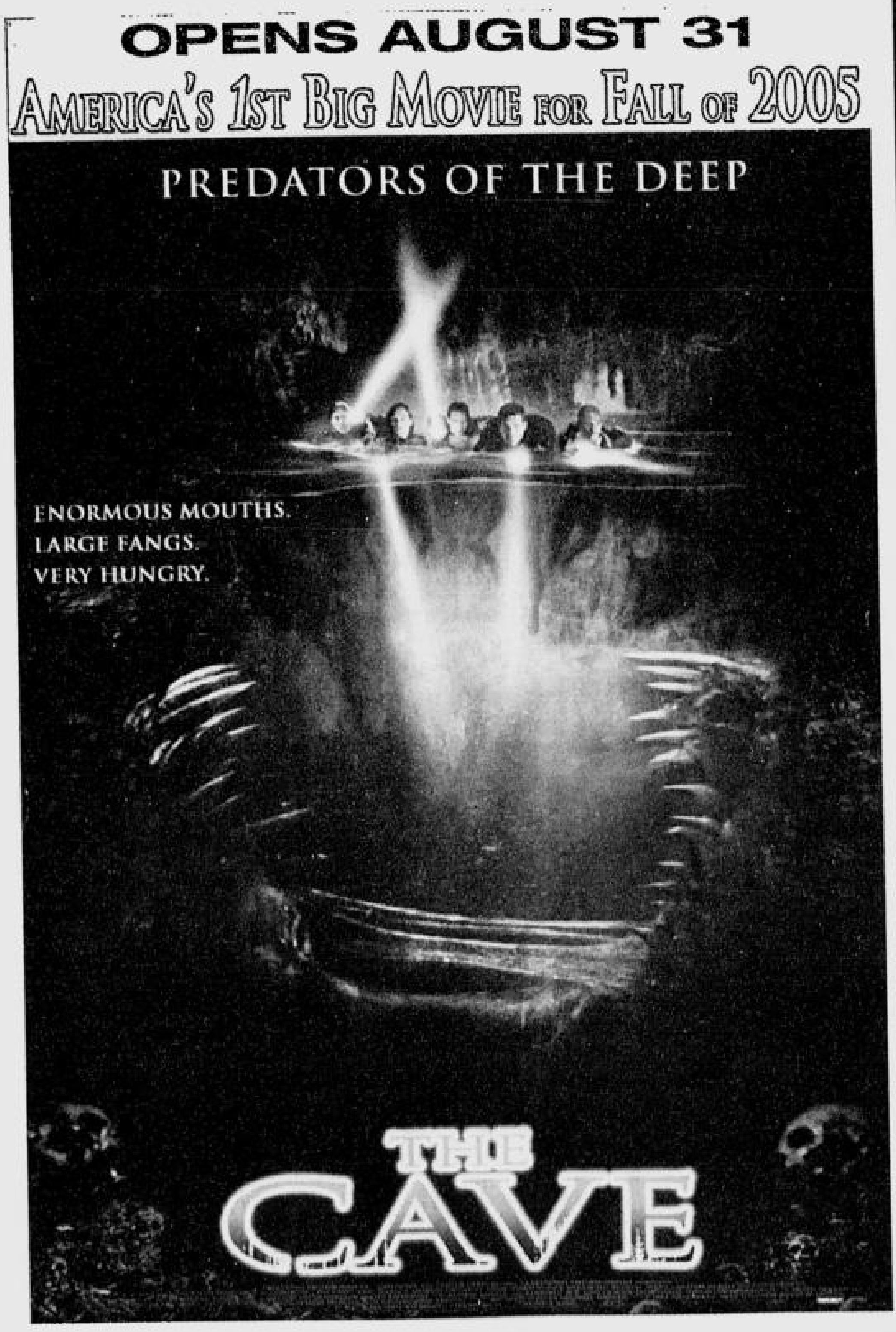
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THE CEBU women's football squad scored twice in the last 13 minutes of their semifinal match against Cagayan de Oro/Misamis Oriental yesterday to book a finals berth in the 2005 PFF National Women's Championship at the Tionko field in Davao City.

Cebuana Jan Vercelie Salac locked on to a bad clearance by a Cagayan de Oro fullback on the 77th minute to draw her team level at 1-1.

Then on the 89th minute, Malou Solon hit the back of the net with a strike just outside the penalty box to give the Cebuanas a deserved 2-1 victory.

About two thousand football fans came to watch the semifinal games, mostly awaiting the showdown between host Davao and Visayas powerhouse Iloilo.

Host and current title-holder Davao was up 2-0 at press time.

After a scoreless initial 45 minutes, Cebu came onto the pitch with all guns a-blazing. Three attempts in a row by the Cebu frontline of Elaine Jane Macasero, Rhodora Toledo and Ivy Jane Bungcasan shook the Cagayan de Oro/Misamis Oriental team.

But, against the run of play, Cagayan's Karla Samantha Alabat scored from a cross by Vastie Angelie Morong to give Cagayan de Oro the lead after 62 minutes.

With no other option but to go on with the attack, Cebu went forward and was rewarded with two goals.

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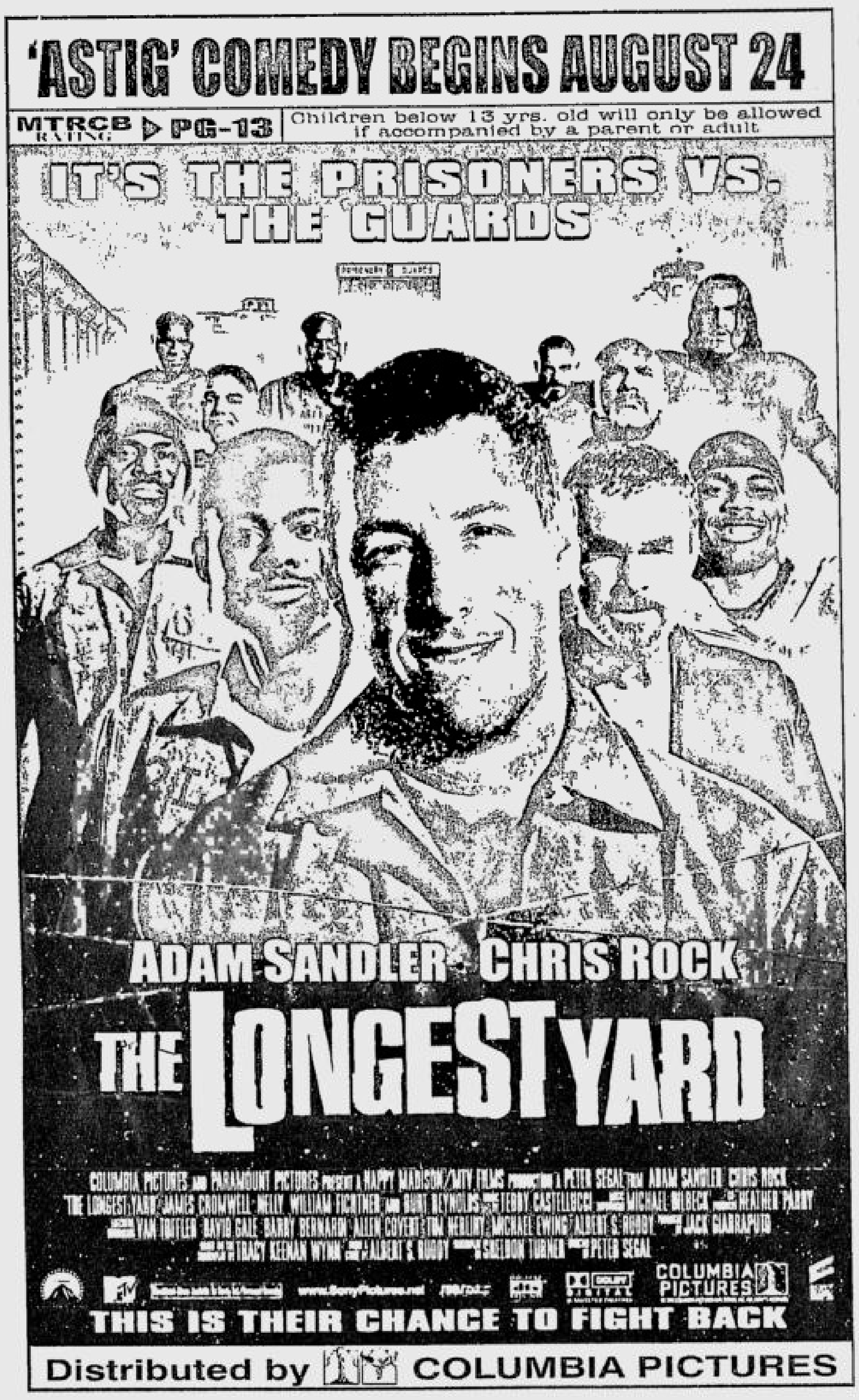
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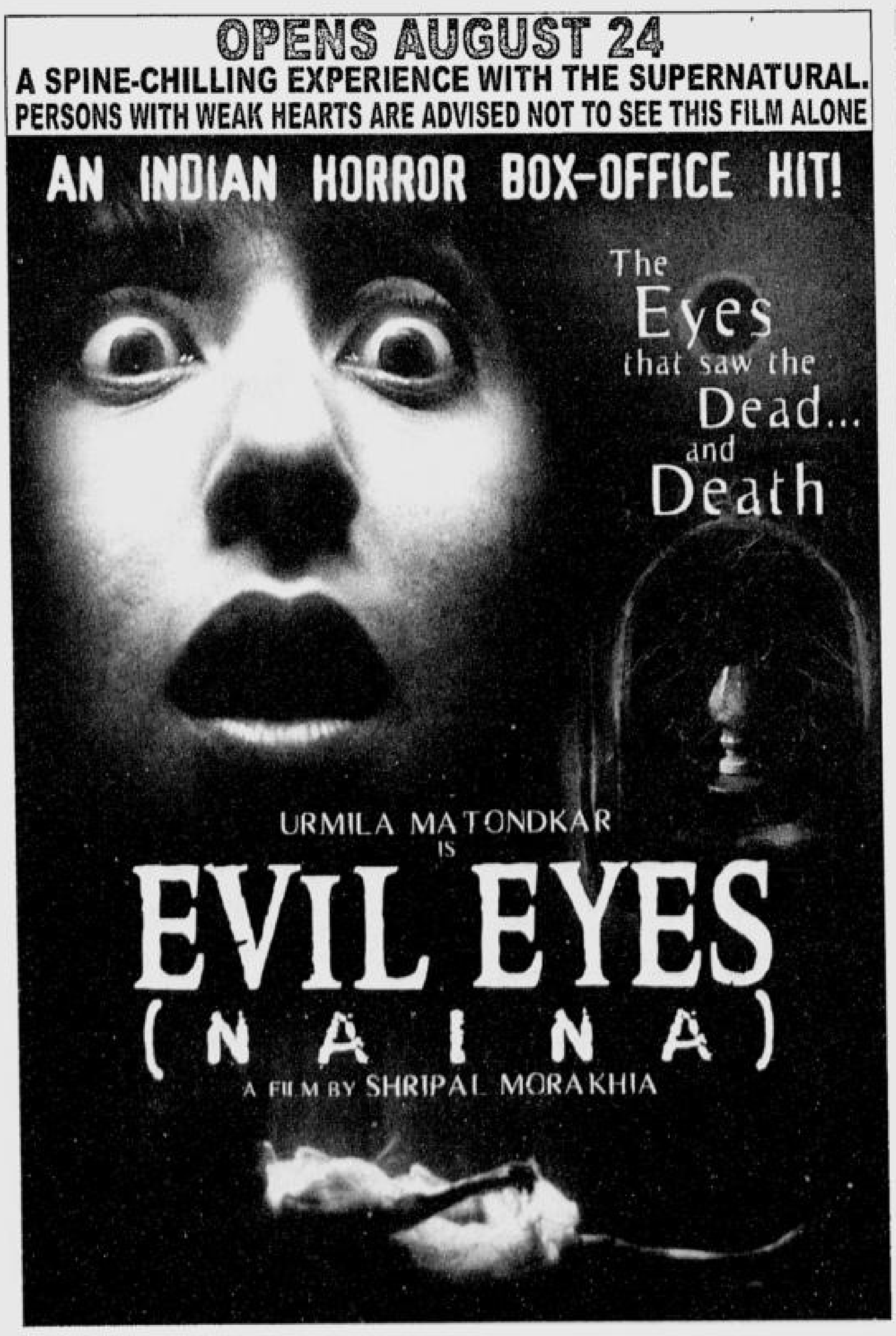
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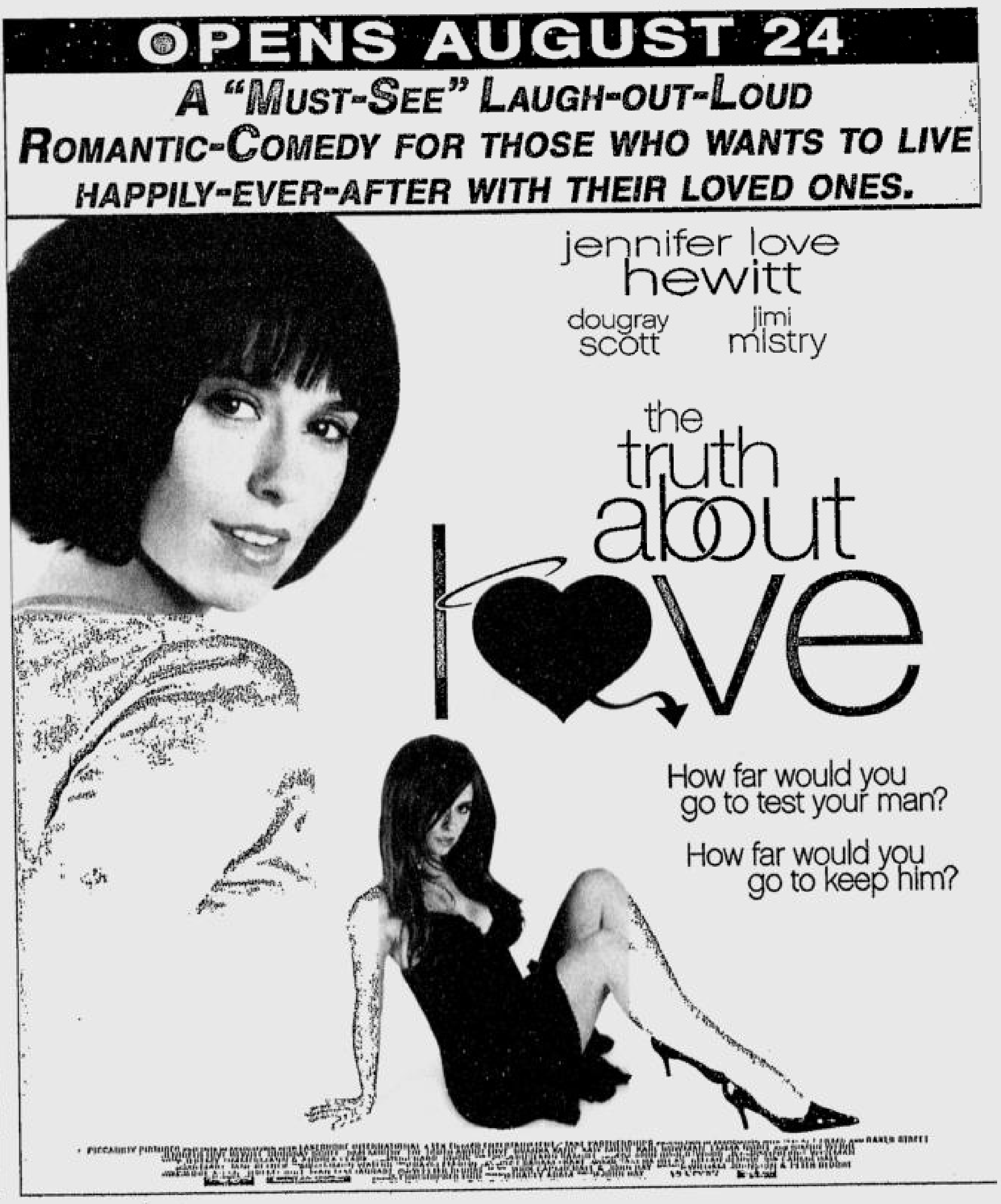
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DISNEY vs. Dreamworks: The Battle of the CGI's

Ewan Mcgregor as the voice of Valiant.

After starring in two of summer's most expensive films "*SW 3: Revenge of the Sith*" and "*The Island*" . Ewan McGregor makes his third outing at the box-movies voicing the title character in Disney's CGI film "*Valiant*". The tale of a pigeon who wants to be a brave soldier.

Valiant stands as *Disney*'s first CGI pic of summer and with so few films connecting with families right now, it stands to find the level of audience demand. Disney's brand name will help to sell this title to parents looking to amuse their younger children during the final weeks of summer vacation.

A very common trend in the never-ending animation war between Disney and Dreamworks is a recurrence of themes between their movies: *Finding Nemo* vs *Sharkslayer*; *Monsters Inc.* vs *Shrek*, *A Bug's Life* vs *Antz*, etc. So, it's not surprising to find similarities between Disney's '*Valiant*', and another movie about birds Dreamworks' '*Chicken Run*' . Admittedly, there are significant twists and differences between the two concepts (*as there usually are in this trend*), with this movie seeming to have a lot more action (*since pigeons can actually fly*), and the fact that these birds are actually participating in a war, whereas *Chicken Run* was mostly about not wanting to be turned into a pie.

There's a continuing disparity between the sort of box office that the average computer generated (CGI) animated movie, with the 3-D texture and "eye candy" feel they tend to have, and the plummeting average box office take of "traditional" animation; and this is especially felt at *Disney*, for no other studio has a deeper commitment to traditional two-dimensional animation. They've tried spicing up their non-CGI features through a variety of means, including making them feel 3-D by techniques like "deep canvas" (*Tarzan*), trying to capture an epic scale usually reserved for live-action (*Mulan or even by combining traditional art with CGI characters or backgrounds like Treasure Planet*). The only thing most of these experiments increased in most cases was the budget, which is a big part of why we're seeing more and more relatively low-budget animation from them now in 2003, like *The Jungle Book 2* and *Piglet's Big Movie*. Disney's dependence on CGI isn't helped much by increasing rumblings that the source for their biggest CGI hits *Pixar*, may be moving to another studio after the 2005 release of *Cars*. So, a few months ago, Disney announced a distribution partnership with the tried and tested CGI company, *Vanguard*, which is headed by the very talented *John H. Williams*, whose production company made the CGI box office hits *Shrek* and *Shrek 2*. [Hollywood Reporter]

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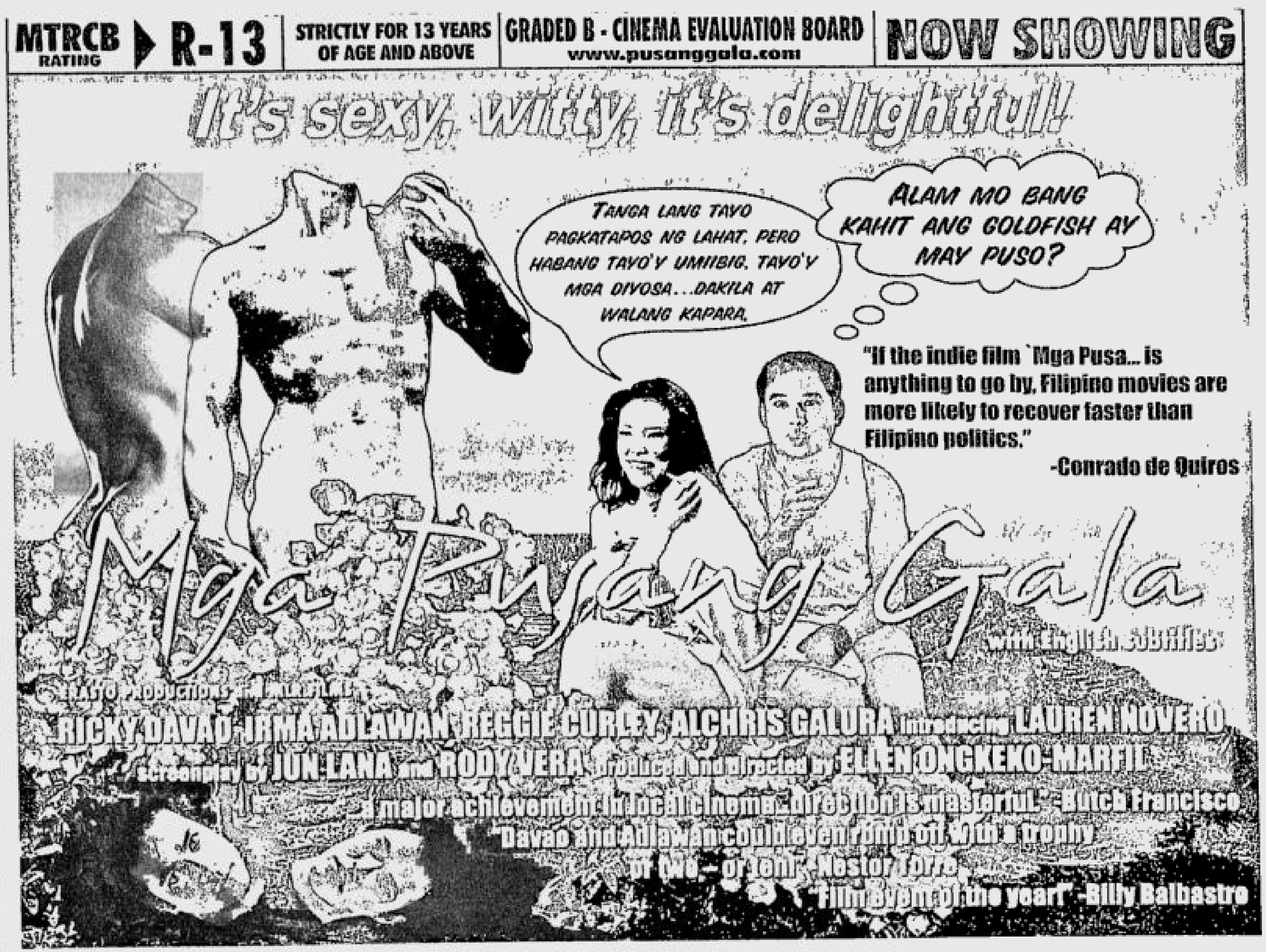
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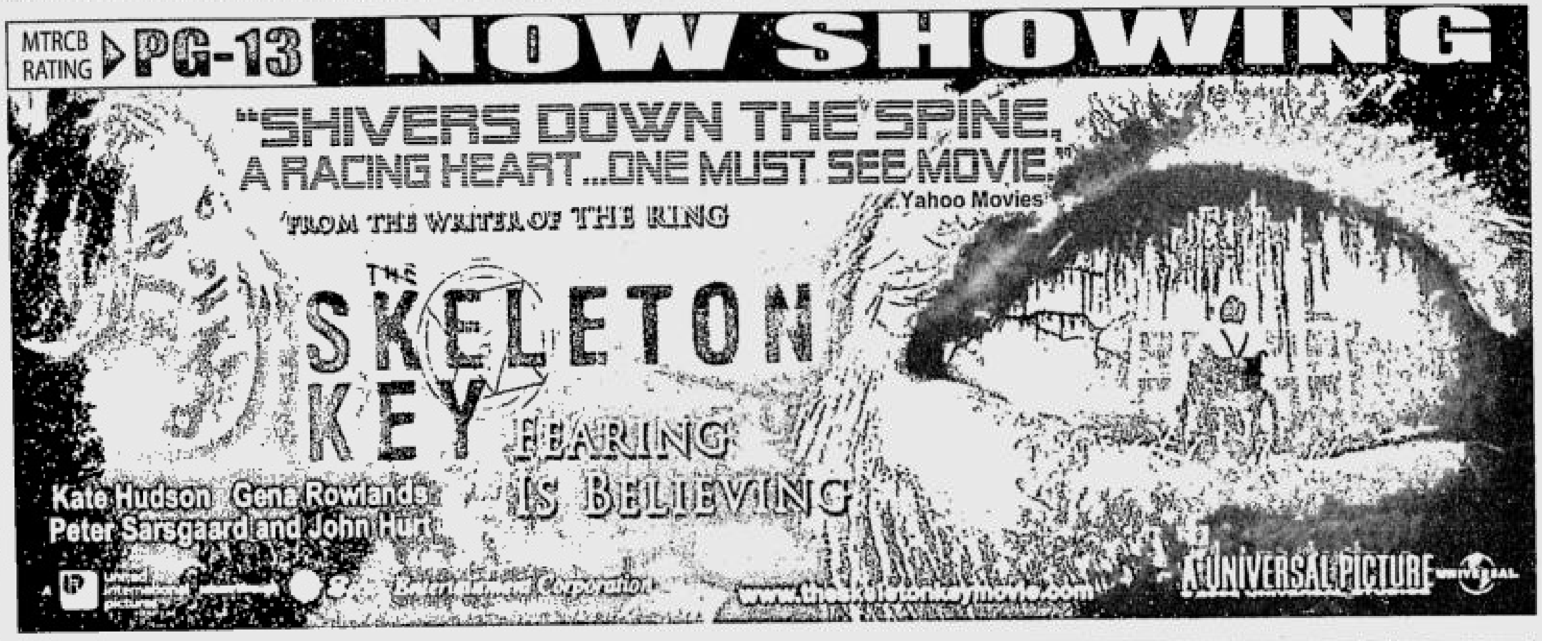
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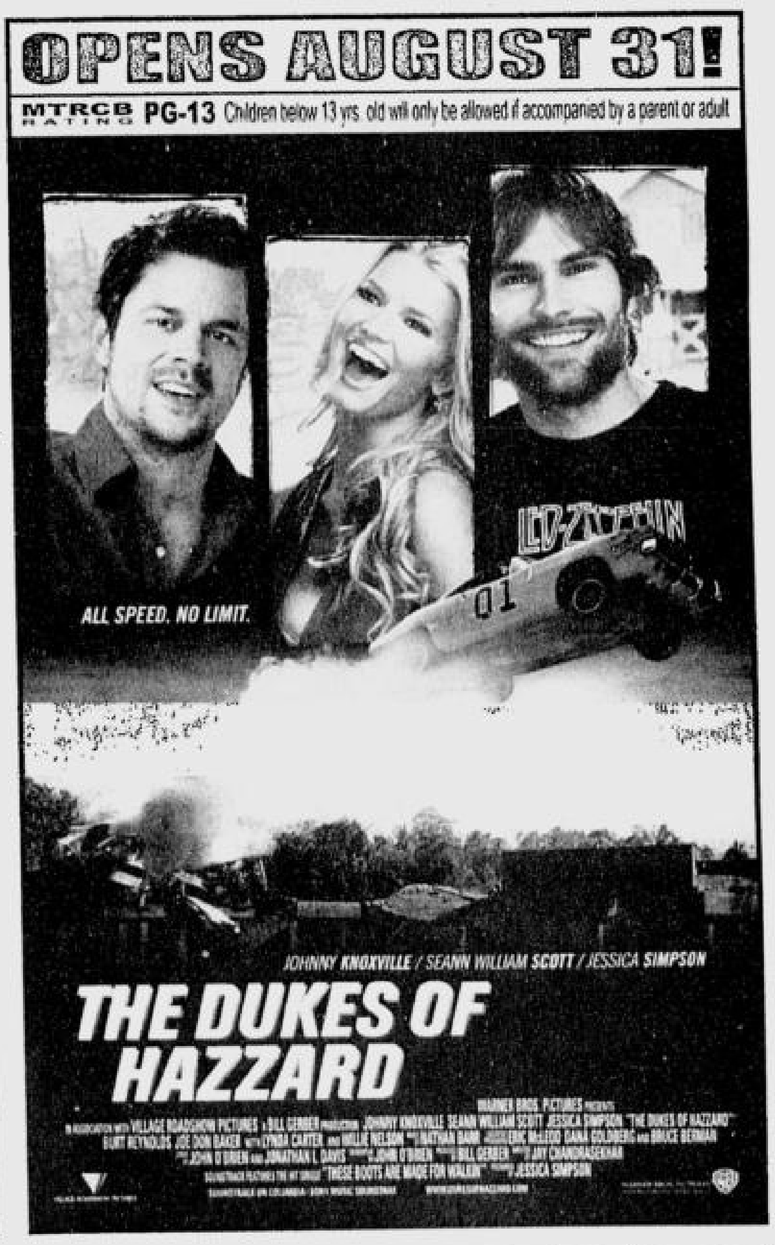
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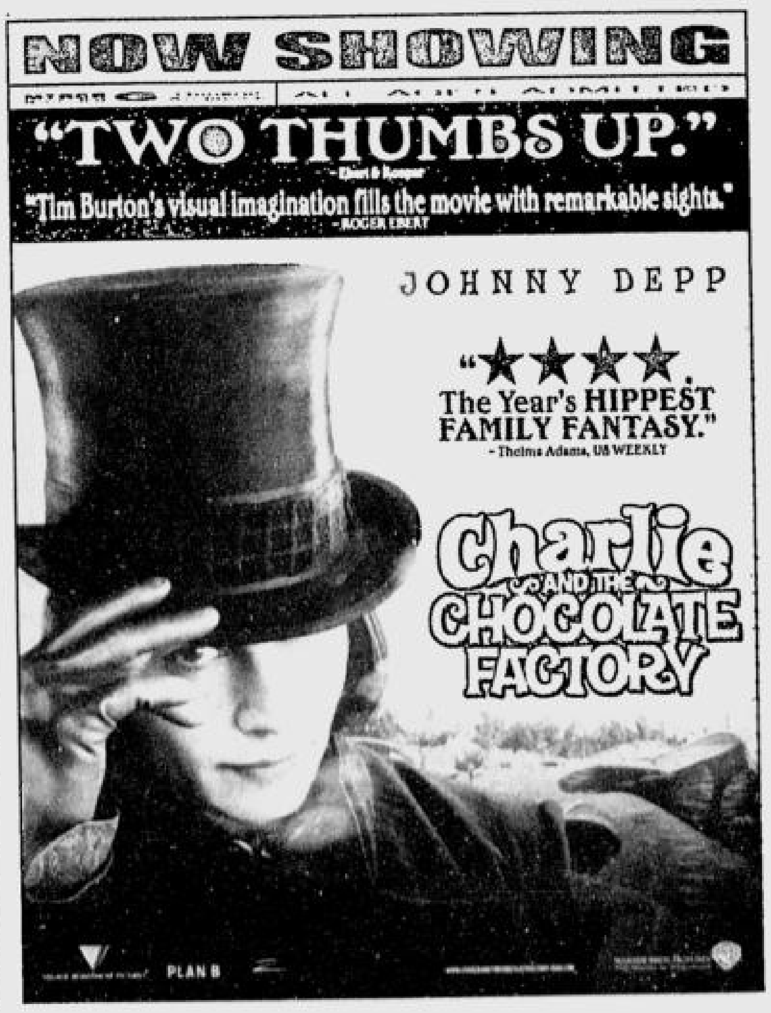
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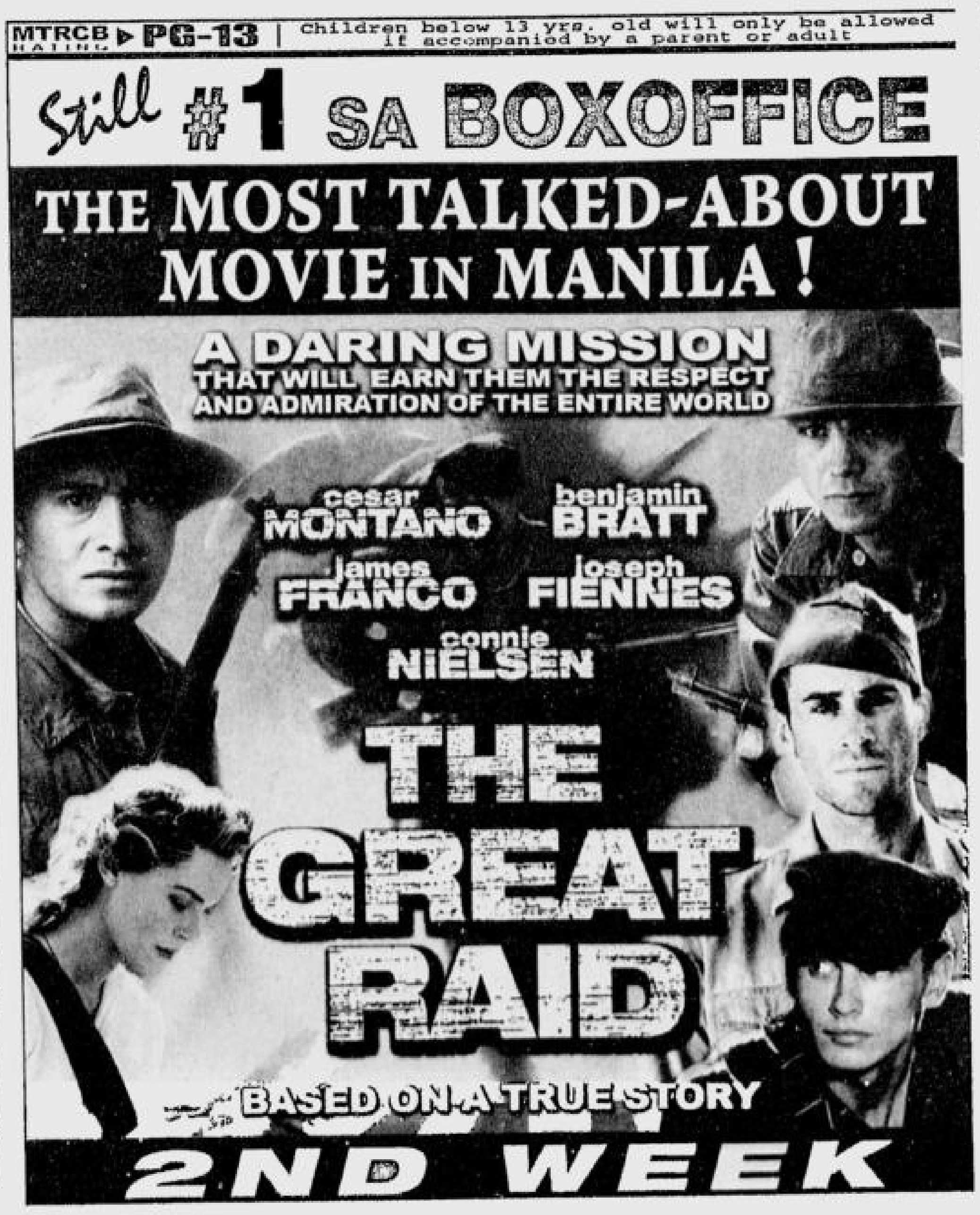
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NEU sweeps Holy Angel

By Marc Anthony Reyes

GAMES TODAY (UM Gym)
8 a.m.—HAU vs BCSCMC (Jrs)
9:30 a.m.—UM vs St. Clare (Srs)
11 a.m.—HAU vs CEU (Srs)

NEW Era University (NEU) scored a victory double over Holy Angel yesterday, winning 85-57 to post its fifth seniors win in the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) basketball tournament at the UM Gym.

Jeff de Guzman scored 21 points, grabbed six rebounds and three assists, as NEU improved to 5-5 while dropping HAU to 1-5.

New Era (7-1) also routed Holy Angel (0-5) in junior play, 83-60.

The scores:

First Game (Jrs)

NEU 83—Tanuan 14, Tumanan 9, Luna 9, Pepito 8, Abalos 8, Maglalang 7, Tagal 7, Capistrano 7, Sarmiento 5, Sonico 2, Castillo 2, Acuna 2, Ocampo 2, Villados 1, Beltran 0.

HAU 60—Arevalo 13, Masangkay 11, Chua 7, Sicat 7, Lim 5, Porras 3, Yumul 3, Dizon 3, Avancena 2, Manansala 2, Pine 2, Velasco 2.

Quarters: 22-16, 43-30, 62-44, 83-60

Second Game (Srs)

NEU 85—De Guzman 21, Perlas 14, Destura 9, De Leon 7, Alastre 6, Naguit 6, Malonzo 5, Maynes 4, Manlac 4, Dela Cruz 3, Lapid 2, Sonsana 2, Ducog 1, Antazo 0.

HAU 57—Dantes 14, Laic 12, Ramos 8, Francisco 7, Garcia 5, Tanglo 4, David 3, Manarang 2, Canals 0, Tongol 0.

Quarters: 27-8, 53-21, 73-33, 85-57

Enduro bits urban jungle for finale

AFTER a triumphant run in Baguio and in Cebu, the Enduro San Mig Light Adventure Series caps its 2005 season with the final leg on Sept. 17 in the urban jungle of Metro Manila.

Cunning, maybe even more than natural speed, strength and stamina, is expected to be the deciding factor for the 90 teams, which will fight it out for the titles in the Elite and Novice categories.

"This race is going to be very exciting and challenging for the racers," race director Neyney Guevarra said. "More than the races in Baguio and Cebu, [the final race] will be full of surprises and the trek is very taxing."

With more than P100,000 at stake, the adventure race brings together outdoor enthusiasts, weekend warriors, yuppies and students.

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LCC now totes a 2-0 card in a tie for the Group B lead with Miriam College, which is still playing host Emilio Aguinaldo College Manila as of press time.

Siena dropped to 0-2.

In the second match, AMA Computer University surprised Centro Escolar University with a lopsided 73-46 victory for an even 1-1 slate.

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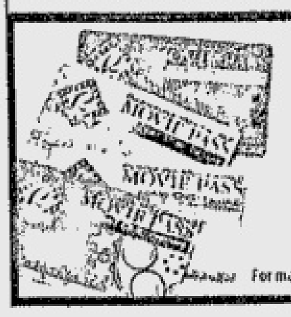

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What really happened to Rita Avila?

By Marinel R. Cruz

"I'M okay now; I'm taking it easy. I tried too hard to have a baby. But I've realized that, without a child, I can still have a perfect life with my husband," said actress Rita Avila, who recently had a miscarriage.

Rita, who married TV director Eric Reyes three years ago, has long prayed for a baby. She was two months pregnant when she lost the child, her first.

Rumor has it that, because of that miscarriage, Rita became very depressed, even mentally unsound. She has reportedly been caring for two dolls, which she named Popoy and Mimay, as though they were real children—talking to them, bathing them, clothing them. It is said she routinely brings the dolls to tapings, for picture-taking with her co-actors.

"I don't mind the *chismis* from people who have lost the child in their hearts," Rita told INQUIRER Entertainment in an exclusive interview at the Reyes home in Quezon City. "I know people who have toys and dolls that 'sleep' beside them. It's perfectly normal."

She added: "These dolls helped me prepare for my own baby. My doctor said I should be surrounded with baby things to psyche me up. I read a lot of books. I also placed a pair of elephant figurines, with trunks down, by the window on the west side of our bedroom—for fertility, feng shui books say."

Rita said she was coping with her miscarriage really well. "It was a painful moment but I got over it. I'm lucky to have a very supportive husband, family and friends, who went out of their way to cheer me up," she said. "Maybe God doesn't want me to have a baby yet. Maybe He wants me to be patient."

The actress said she stopped working for two years so she could get pregnant. "I didn't move much. I was careful not to feel stressed," she explained. "My doctor said my sugar level was too high. This was why I don't develop good-sized egg cells, which was good for fertility. So I had to minimize my intake of sweets."

To take her mind off the painful experience, Rita kept herself busy with taking care of nephews and nieces. She also used to read books to wards of a nearby daycare center and visit abandoned children at the Teresa Spinelli convent in Tagaytay. Recently, she joined Sa Aklat Sisikat in a reading project. "I read to grade 4 students in Cavite. I will read again next month," she announced. "I'm now ready to get back to work, but I will first go to Canada for a short vacation."

Rita added: "It's clearer to me now. I'm lucky because I have a good husband. Still, I hope. It's just that, right now, I'd feel less pressured if I don't think much about it."

WITH Popoy and Mimay, her make-believe babies. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

"I CAN never be a cradle snatcher."

Ara: I don't fall easily

"I'VE moved on," says Ara Mina, professing recovery from the heartbreak over her very public split-up last year with boyfriend Jomari Yllana.

She swears she has no time for love, as she is juggling a hit TV show ("Bubble Gang" on GMA 7), a planned movie with Gil Portes ("Mourning Girls"), and three business ventures—the fine-dining resto Osteria 88, the modeling agency Posh and the fast-food joint Bubble Gang Toppings.

But Ara always has time to play protective Big Sis to Christine Reyes, to keep the teenager away from Keempee de Leon.

"It wouldn't look right," she explains. "She's 16 and he's 32!"

Irony of ironies, weeks after her verbal tussle with Keempee, her ex, Ara is now being linked to a younger man, her alleged new suitor Polo Ravales.

Ara sets the record straight: "We're just good friends, *barkada*—along with Peachy [Rufa Mae Quinto] and other non-show biz pals. We're all single people. The guys go out with us because we gladly serve as matchmakers for them."

A cradle-snatcher? Never, she says. In the first place, Polo is only three years younger. "I'm 26, he's 23."

Polo has been very vocal about his "crush" on Ara, but the girl isn't biting.

"We still hang out and I enjoy his company," she says. "There's no serious courtship going on. And I am not the type who falls in love easily." *Bayani S, San Diego Jr.*

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Sex, puns, videotape … and the Stallone recipe for a lasting mar

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"It felt like torture," quipped one more.

The thespian has quite a reputation for being a lame subject. Normally, stars are at their best behavior during press cons. Even known jerks become cuddly. So do we credit this actor for not trying to conceal his true self? I'd rather he made a statement by not showing up at all.

It's tempting to forgive him, though. if only because he's a darn good actor, one of the best of his generation. But he's not quite a star, since he avoids commercial movies.

Rocky's mom

The colorful Jackie Stallone, Sylvester's mom, merited a full-page story in the UK's Sunday Times Magazine.

In the section "A Life in the Day," the 82-year-old may have come up with a solution to keep those Hollywood marriages last at least two years.

Describing her daily routine, she said: "During the week, I don't have to make such an effort (to dress up) in the morning—I leave that [for] the weekend, when my husband, Steven (Levin), comes. He lives 10 miles away and comes Friday evening and spends Saturday and Sunday night with me. On Monday morning, he then goes back and messes up his own home. It's perfect. He'd prefer we lived together, but I did that for 20 years with previous husbands and it didn't work."

Jackie's weekend hubby and spouse no. 4 is Sylvester's age, 59. When Sly first met Steven, a neurosurgeon, he reportedly said to his flamboyant mom: "What the hell does he want with you?" Jackie, who runs two businesses (astrology readings and chemical facial peelings), told the Times Magazine that she shot back this way: "What do you think that young girl wants with you?"

SLY'S incorrigible mom Jackie

The very quotable trainer of "psychic dogs" said of her son and his ladies: "Sylvester and I used to fight a lot, but it was often over his women. I couldn't stand the b-----s. None of them were good enough. These days, I say to myself, 'I can't worry about him and his broads any more. I need to focus on my young husband.'"

Jackie, the first American booted out of British TV's equivalent of the reality show "Big Brother," complained to the Times' Ria Higgins, "They made me look like a dog on 'Big Brother,' which was ridiculous." But picture an 80-plus woman who dresses up this way: "I'll…tie my hair up in a ponytail and put on some tight jeans, a tank top, ballet pumps, rings and bracelets."

As if Jackie's life were not fascinating enough, she disclosed that at least once a week, she practices trapeze. No, not with her husband during the weekend but on a weekday. "I do swings, falls, tumbles and hang from ropes," she said.

Jackie ended the piece by saying, "I say to myself, 'you've been pretty damn blessed, you old son of a b---h." I tell you, long after I've put down the magazine on my recent flight from London to LA, I was still chuckling.

The story gets better. A recent wire report announced that Jackie has agreed to Sly's plan to make a movie on her life. Rocky's mom made one simple demand—that she be portrayed by the most beautiful in Hollywood today in my opinion: Angelina Jolie. No word yet on whether Angelina is interested.

'Valiant' guests

Among the guests at the recent special screening of Disney's "Valiant," which has the distinction of being the first British CGI animation feature, were Oscar-winning actress Marcia Gay Harden and her family, including daughter Eulala. You may recall that I wrote about how Eulala, who is only seven, stole the thunder from her mom at the latter's "Bad N

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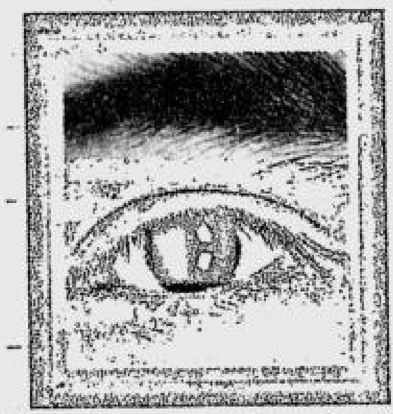
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ROCKIN' Robinson: Feisty

Jessica, INXS' Goodbye Girl

By Fran Katigbak

TAKE FIVE

JESSICA Robinson finally bid farewell to "Rock Star: INXS" this week, the fourth time she was up for elimination.

The 26-year-old left quite an impression as the pretty rocker who gave feisty performances of INXS songs to keep her spot on the reality talent show aimed at finding a front man for the legendary Aussie band.

On the subject of looks, however, the Chicago-based performer and barista responded with just a shy laugh during the exclusive phone interview with INQUIRER Entertainment.

Jessica not only has cover-girl appeal. She *is* a CoverGürl—the only female rock 'n' roll band recognized as one of Chicago's best (she is the front man).

What can we expect from you after "Rock Star"?

CoverGürl could start writing some original music. Hopefully, by this time next year, we'll be signed to a record label and go on tour. I'm anticipating a lot of good things coming from this ("Rock Star").

Are you rooting for any of the girls left in the contest?

I'm rooting for all the girls. [Any one] of them would do a really great job as lead singer of INXS. A female [lead singer would] show their fans a whole other side of the band that has not yet been seen.

On week six, INXS chose the songs for the rockers. If you had your way, would you perform the song ("Torn" by Natalie Imbruglia) they picked for you?

I pretty much liked the way it [went]. I don't have any regrets about the show or about anything that I've done.

What type of musician are you? How much of your own roots is aligned with INXS' music?

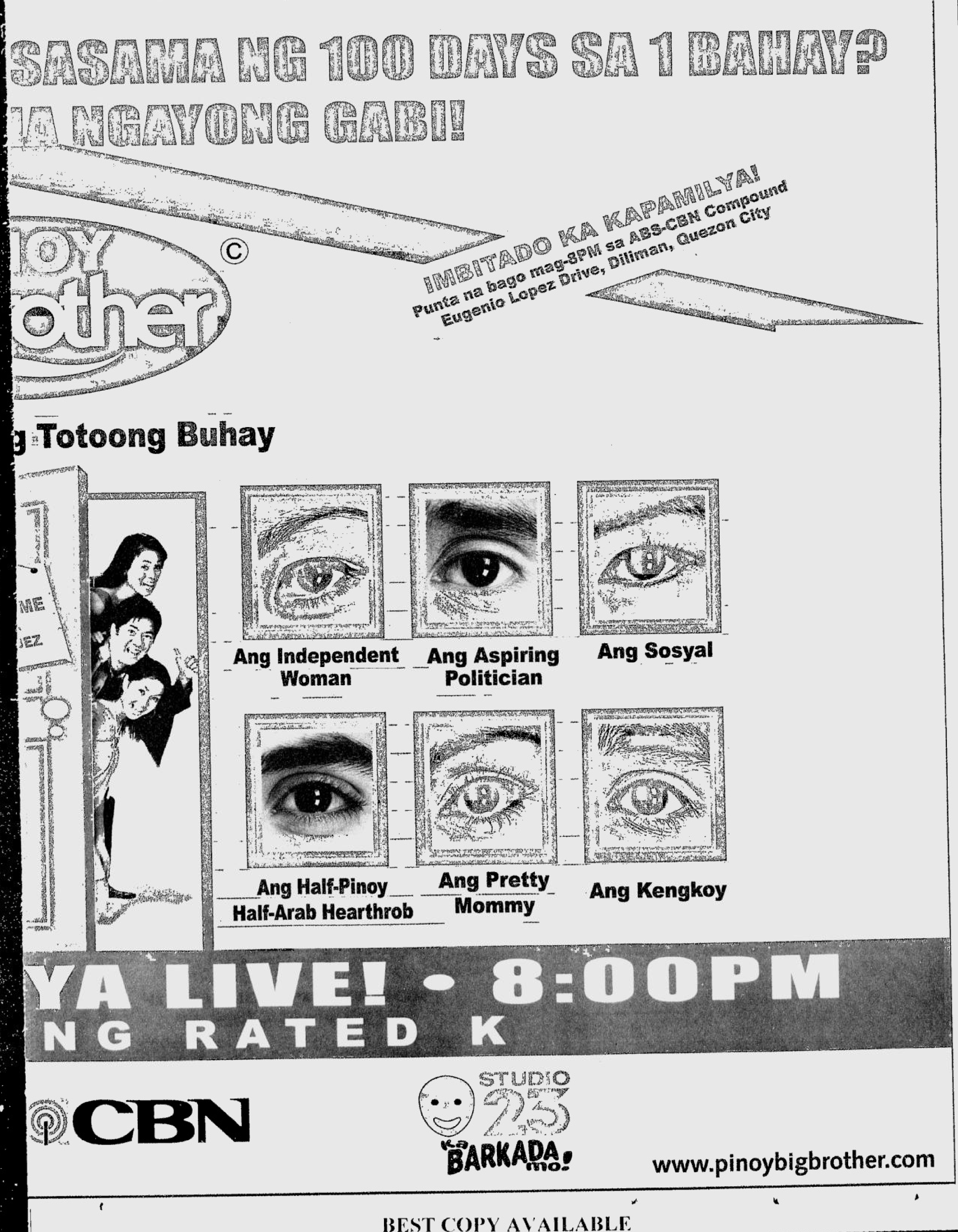
My heart is really in hard rock. I would love to… be the next female Scott Weiland (Stone Temple Pilots front man). But as the competition progressed, I started doing INXS music to the point where I would've been more than happy [to be] their lead singer. I would've welcomed it with open arms.

What are your thoughts on the last clinic with JD Fortune, who separated himself from your team?

JD is an artist who likes to develop his own sound and style. In a group situation, I think sometimes he [ends up] feeling the cross of not being listened to. In that teamwork clinic, I stepped back. You can't control what JD does. He is his own entity. I don't always agree with what he says but I love him for who he is.

You got bottom ranking three times before saved yourself with an INXS song. What went wrong this week?

Fortunately, I sing INXS [songs] very well. Unfortunately, I'm not what they're looking for.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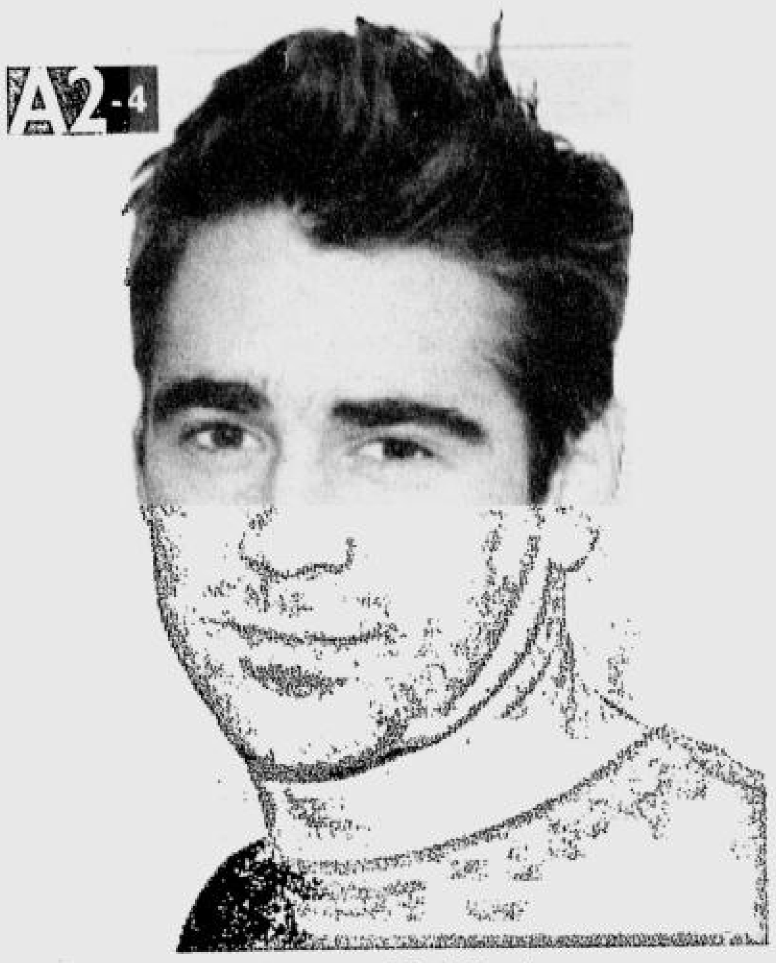

COLIN Farrell is suing his partner, Nicole Narain.

Sex, puns and videotape

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Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—Opener: If you have not been following Pinoy-Aussie Mig Ayesa's success trail in the reality series "Rock Star: INXS," his performance last Tuesday should be a compelling reason to start watching the show.

Accompanying himself on the piano, Mig sang Peter Frampton's "Baby, I Love Your Way" and moved members of the live studio audience (and, I'm sure, a lot of TV viewers) to tears. Even the INXS band members stood up to applaud. It's not too late—you can watch a clip of that performance on www.rockstar.msn.com.

Farrell sex video

On Wednesday, an LA superior court judge ruled that a 15-minute sex video that actor Colin Farrell made with Playboy Playmate Nicole Narain could not be sold until the lawsuit was resolved.

Colin is suing Nicole for allegedly trying to sell the tape to two porn traders. News items mentioned that a pierced tongue and kama sutra positions were involved in the steamy video. The star of "Alexander" is hoping for the preliminary injunction to be made permanent.

Other celebrities caught in similar situations (think Pamela Anderson and Paris Hilton) are Jamie Foxx, who was able to negotiate a return of explicit photos of himself; and Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst, whose porn video was posted online by computer hackers.

The latest case involves Jude Law, caught by the paparazzi in the nude as he changed into a swimsuit outside his mum's house in France.

The tabloids had a field day writing pun-filled headlines on Jude's supposedly puny package. One headline quipped, "Nude Jude's Not A Huge Issue." Poor guy.

Guess who?

When the body language of an actor suggested that he did not want to be at a press con, I thought, why did he bother to show up in the first place?

This actor sat tentatively, sideways, as if he was about to bolt the room. My two dogs are better at faking enthusiasm. And don't even dare ask a question that requires a response that would suggest this guy has a human side. He turned a bit snide when such questions came up.

A colleague kept trying to coax something interesting out of the man. Her questions were met with monosyllabic answers. I told her she deserved a medal for patience and persistence.

"It was the most boring moment in my life," another writer told me.

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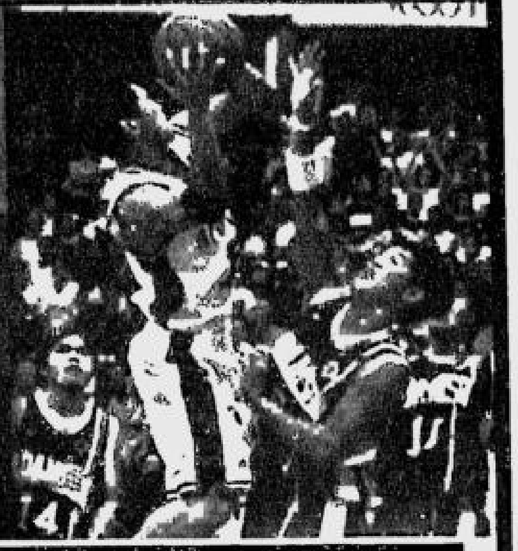

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Aug 21 Sunday UST vs UE Jrs 9:30am FEU vs DLSU Jrs 11:30am; UST vs UE Srs 2pm FEU vs DLSU Srs 4pm
MTV PILIPINAS 2005 AWARDS August 25, Thursday 8 pm
CUSA BASKETBALL LEAGUE August 26, Friday OPENING GAMES
Aug 27 Sunday UST vs Adu Jrs 9:30am ADMU vs UE Jrs 11:30am; UST vs Adu Srs 2pm ADMU vs UE Srs 4pm

CENTER EVENTS

SALE EVENTS	*Bare Essentials (2nd Floor) and Giordano (Upper Ground Floor) of Ali Mall; Van Heusen (Ground Floor) and Marks & Spencer (Upper Ground Floor) at Gateway Mall*
EXHIBIT	*Rustans Beauty Destination Exhibit by L'Occitane today at the Upper Ground Floor Activity Area of Gateway Mall*
PERFORMANCES	*Viva Hotmen Album Tour with special guests Viva Hotbabes at the Lower Ground Floor Activity Area of Farmers Plaza today at 4pm*

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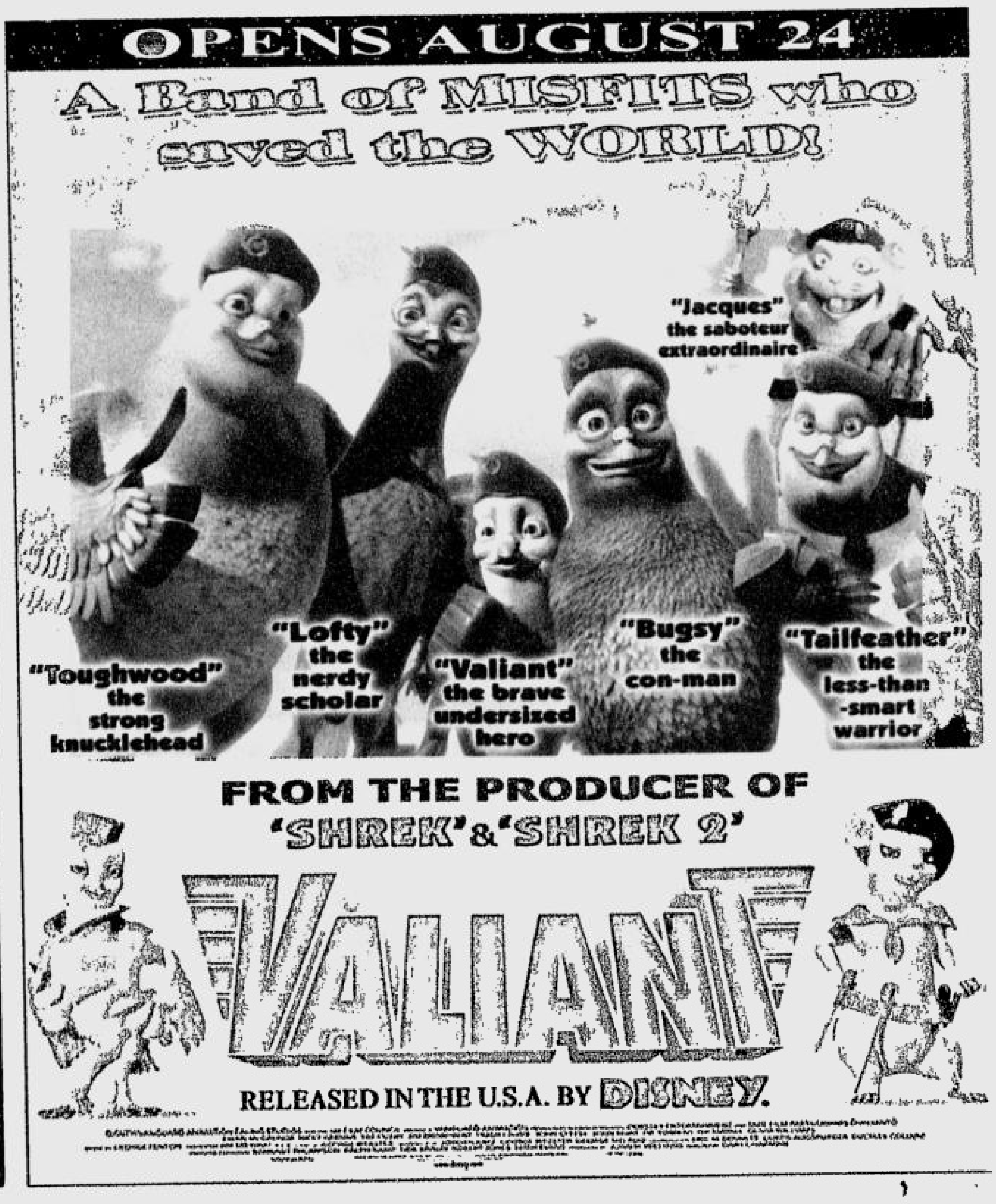

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No secret formula just hard work

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NQ Jr. with a visiting Japanese engineer at the Norkis Yamaha plant in Cebu in the '60s.

By Leticia M. Subang
Contributor

HE learned the basics of entrepreneurship from his father.

Norberto Quisumbing Jr. was barely 16 years old when he started helping his father run his shipping business. "He had three cargo boats that sailed weekly from Cebu to Manila loaded with cement," he recalls. In the late '40s and early '50s, boat trips between Cebu and Manila took at least two days.

NORBERTO and Britta Quisumbing in 1962.

During those trips, Totsie, as he is called by close friends, learned to deal with people and he immediately demonstrated his knack for spotting business opportunities. "We had 30 people manning each boat to handle the 20,000 bags of cement we were bringing to Manila on my father's inter-island ships," he says.

During those trips, NQ Jr., as he is fondly known to his employees, noticed that a lot of cement would spill all over the boat due to breakages. "We were given a three percent allowance for spillage resulting from breakages of the cement bags. That was equivalent to 600 bags per trip," he says.

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He asked around and learned that the spilled cement could still be used. He asked the crew to gather the spilled cement in drums and repack them during their free time on their way to Manila.

"We would be able to save about 400 bags per trip and we had three trips per week," he says. Out of the proceeds from the sale of the repacked cement, 30 percent would go to NQ Jr. while the 70 percent would be distributed to the crew—from the boat's captain down to the last sailor.

"We were doing this for four to five years and everybody was happy," he says. Aside from converting what was otherwise waste material into profits, NQ Jr.'s scheme led to another benefit—a cleaner boat and good relations with the crew. NQ Jr. learned how to manage people and knew what it was to make a lot of money at an early age.

Dutiful son, early marriage

His academic pursuits were periodically disrupted but he always managed to get back on track. NQ Jr. was a high school student at La Salle when World War II broke out. He later moved to Ateneo to finish his high school and bachelor's degree.

He was a second-year law student at the University of the Philippines when, at 19, he decided to marry 18-year-old Britta Bartolome, a classical piano major. "My father could not say no, he did not have to spend anything for my wedding," NQ Jr. says of his early marriage. He had saved enough from his cement business.

With a young family to attend to, he was forced to temporarily quit law school and then transferred to the night classes at Manuel L. Quezon University. After his graduation in 1953, he worked as an apprentice in the law office of his cousin and namesake, the famous lawyer Norberto J. Quisumbing.

The following year, NQ Jr. took his wife Britta and two young children to Cebu. The move was in response to the elder Quisumbing's request for his eldest son to help him manage the match factory in Mandaue, which the father had acquired full control of. It was here that NQ Jr. was first exposed to the manufacturing processes and in negotiating with suppliers, shippers and bankers, besides dealing with hundreds of people.

In 1960, he was accepted by the London School of Economics for postgraduate studies and spent the next two years away from his family.

When he came back, he streamlined the

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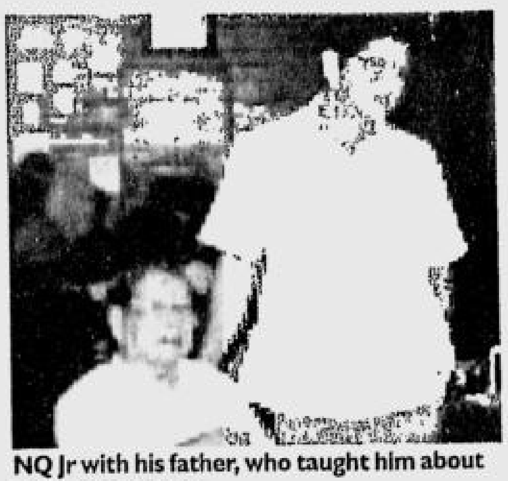
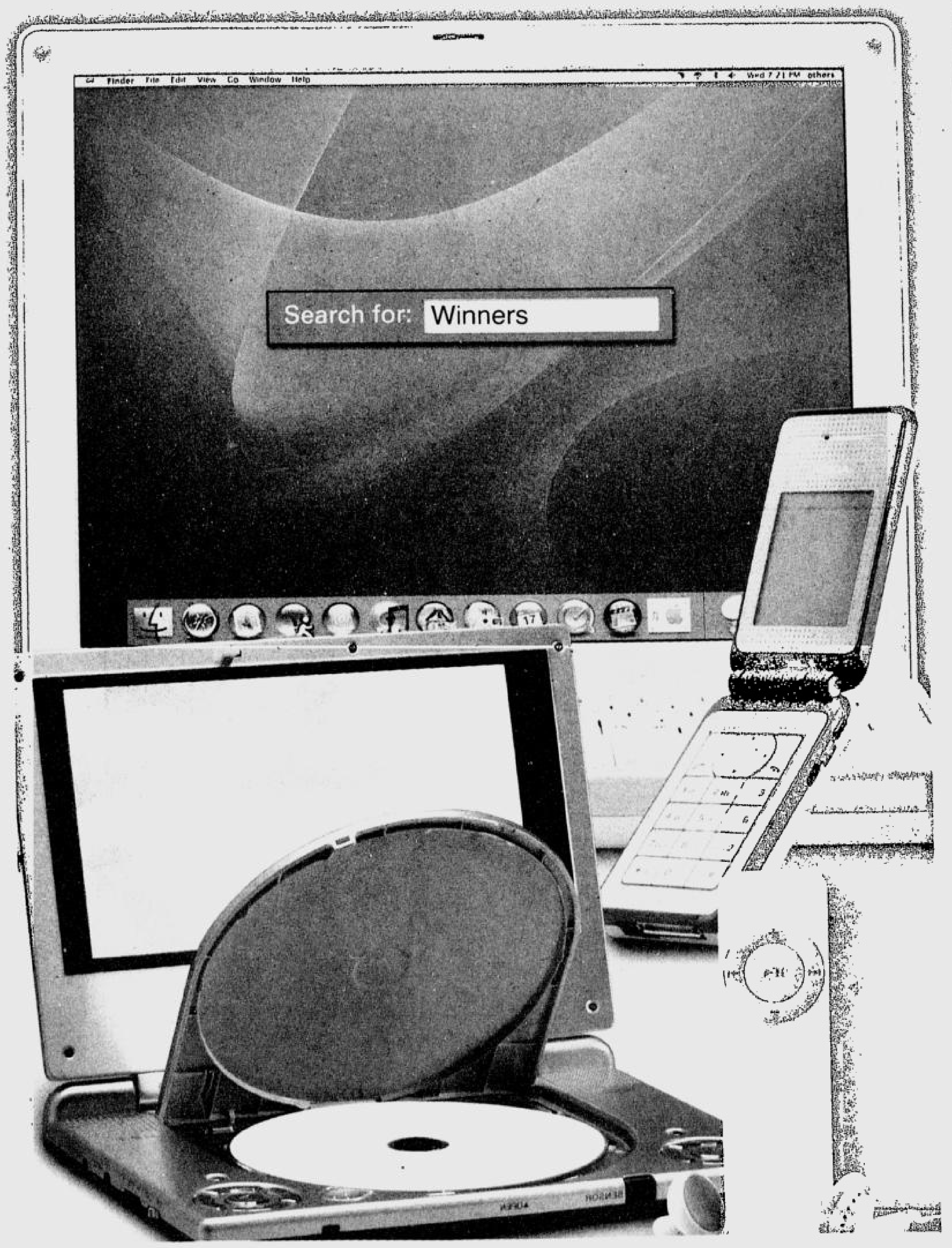


NQ Jr with his father, who taught him about entrepreneurship.



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No to people power, yes to entrepreneurship revolution

How do you get nine known entrepreneurs to work for a common cause?

Ask RFM Corp. CEO Jose "Joey" Concepcion III, for he has done just that.

These past months, Joey lugged around a Powerbook with him and patiently pitched his thoughts to one entrepreneur at a time.

This time, Joey's not selling beverages, hotdogs or ice cream—but promoting an advocacy—to create more entrepreneurs.

He got his Malacañang appointment as presidential consultant for entrepreneurship early this year.

Though Joey initiates a lot of private consultations with entrepreneurs, government agencies and "enabler organizations," he is surprised how so many are seeking him out—especially in the academe and smaller business groups. As a result, he's now doing eight to 10 speaking engagements a month.

He established the non-profit Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship. Joey wooed several outstanding individual entrepreneurs as incorporators.

The PCE board of trustees is composed of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year winners Tony Tan Caktiong and Socorro Ramos, Splash Corp. founder Rolando Hortaleza, GMA Network CEO Felipe Gozon, SM's Harley Sy, Vivienne Tan of Thames College, Cebu-based food exporter Justin Uy, and Joselito Campos of the Unilab-UFC empire.

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Besides seeding the Center's initial operations, these trustees bought into Joey's vision to promote entrepreneurship by enhancing education (formal and non-formal), developing the entrepreneurial mindset, and unifying key stakeholders to create an environment conducive for business start-ups.

At 16, he likes to tell listeners, he already put up his first business—a popcorn and cotton candy stand, which he ran with high school sweetheart (now wife) Marissa Orosa.

At the peak of President Arroyo's crisis of confidence—the day when 10 cabinet secretaries walked out on her—Joey told an auditorium full of businessmen and students in Iloilo, that "we don't need a people power revolution; what we need is an entrepreneurship revolution."

During a recent franchising conference, he called out to business owners to wear their confidence in the country on their sleeves.

"If you don't believe, just leave," he said.

"Entrepreneurs who have succeeded have to remind other Filipinos that there is hope. Next, they should come out of their shell and inspire others."

"In traditional Pinoy families, parents and grandparents want the children to take up professions and become doctors, engineers, lawyers, CPAs. If not that, maybe get employed with one of the big companies. To them, being an entrepreneur was always a

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Lot Area: 425 sqm
Lot 15 Brgy. Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 55,000.00

LOT 48 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 425 sqm
Lot 16 Brgy Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 55,000.00

LOT 49 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 425 sqm
Lot 11 Brgy. Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 55,000.00

LOT 50 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 425 sqm
Lot 12 Brgy. Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 55,000.00

LOT 51 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 459 sqm
Lot 10 Brgy Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 64,000.00

LOT 52 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 308 sqm
Lot 9 Brgy Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 44,000.00

LOT 53 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
Lot 35 Brgy Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 54 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
Lot 34 Brgy. Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 55 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
73 Narzal Concepcion Subd., Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 56 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
74 Narzal Concepcion Subd., Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 57 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 448 sqm
77 Narzal Concepcion Subd., Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 63,000.00

LOT 58 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
76 Narzal Concepcion Subd., Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 59 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 448 sqm
78 Narzal Concepcion Subd, Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 63,000.00

LOT 60 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
75 Narzal Concepcion Subd., Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 58,000.00

LOT 61 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,007 sqm
Lot 5216-A-22-G-5 Brgy Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 323,000.00

LOT 62 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 450 sqm
Lot 58 Narzal Con-Concepcion Subd. Upr La Union, Mankilam
Minimum Bid Price : 69,000.00

LOT 63 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,100 sqm
Lot 486-F-4-C-4-B-1 Ganie Rd 3
Minimum Bid Price : 616,000.00

LOT 64 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 600 sqm
Lot 488-H-2-E-5-B-2-A Ganie Rd 3
Minimum Bid Price : 1,230,000.00

LOT 65 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 250 sqm Flr Area 48 sqm
6441-C-5-D-5-M-1 Prk 3. Dunan, San Miguel
Minimum Bid Price : 212,000.00

LOT 66 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 239 sqm Flr Area 118 sqm
Lot 82-B 2Nd Ave. Cor San Jose St., Teacher's Vill
Minimum Bid Price : 552,000.00

LOT 67 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,202 sqm
Lot 387-C-3-C2-F-3 Daneco Rd. Tipaz
Minimum Bid Price : 361,000.00

LOT 68 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,202 sqm
Lot 387-C-3-C-2-F-2 Daneco Rd. Tipaz
Minimum Bid Price : 361,000.00

LOT 69 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 485 sqm
Lot 387-G-15 D Mancidor Subd., Tipaz
Minimum Bid Price : 117,000.00

LOT 70 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 789 sqm Flr. Area: 102 sqm
401-C-2-B-10-A, Doctolero Ave., Tipaz
Minimum Bid Price : 1,241,000.00

LOT 71 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 708-6 Manga I-B, Prk. Bayanihan, Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 468,000.00

LOT 72 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 694 sqm
Lot 5416-D Prk. Pag-Asa, Mangga Dist. Visayan Vill
Minimum Bid Price : 442,000.00

LOT 73 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 552 sqm
Lot 115-B-2-B Nat'L Hway, Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,772,000.00

LOT 74 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 355 sqm
Lot 115-B-2-C Subd. Rd., Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,016,000.00

LOT 75 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 904 sqm Flr. Area: 203 sqm
Lot 5416-C Prk. Pag-Asa, Mangga Dist Visayan Vill
Minimum Bid Price : 1,309,000.00

LOT 76 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 704 sqm Flr. Area: 177 sqm
Lot 6351-K-2-F-4-A Prk. Palmera, Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 559,000.00

LOT 77 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 900 sqm Flr. Area 822 sqm
Lot 708-T-1 Existing Rd. Prk Bayanihan, Visayan Vill.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,318,000.00

LOT 78 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 600 sqm Flr. Area 115 sqm
Lot 8229-B-1 Nansma Rd., Mariaday Subd.
Minimum Bid Price : 864,000.00

LOT 79 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 393 sqm
3-B-4-C-8-G-1 Osmena St.
Minimum Bid Price : 977,000.00

LOT 80 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 108 sqm Flr Area. 180 sqm
Lot 12597-A Osmena Ext.
Minimum Bid Price : 784,000.00

LOT 81 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 344 sqm Flr. Area: 133 sqm
Lot 406-G-2-B-3-B-3B-1-A Prk. Dunan, Seminary Drive
Minimum Bid Price : 706,000.00

LOT 82 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 170 sqm Flr. Area: 91 sqm
Lot 7-B-2-A Subd Rd. Prk. Malinawon, Zafra Subd., Bnz District
Minimum Bid Price : 576,000.00

LOT 83 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 300 sqm Flr. Area: 120 sqm
Lot 15-1-3-A Magsaysay Extn.
Minimum Bid Price : 627,000.00

PANABO

LOT 84 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr Area: 217 sqm
Lot B-6-G-1 Gagangohan
Minimum Bid Price : 530,000.00

LOT 85 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 170-C Prk. 6, Int. San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price : 85,000.00

LOT 86 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 1429-1-A-1-B-2-E-4, Prk. 4, San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 128,000.00

LOT 87 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 900 sqm
Lot 6226-E Rd. Lot, Prk 6, San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 306,000.00

LOT 88 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr. Area 98 sqm
Lot 293-A-1-A-9 Prk Mangga,Brgy.Sto Nino
Minimum Bid Price : 379,000.00

NEW CORELLA

LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 704 sqm
Lot No. 2560 Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 54,000.00

LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 700 sqm
Lot 2420 Claudio Cor R Magsaysay Sts
Minimum Bid Price : 40,000.00

LOT 91 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 1918 Magsaysay Ave Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 64,000.00

LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 900 sqm
Lot 2458 Claudio Cor Quirino Sts
Minimum Bid Price : 48,000.00

LOT 93 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 1864 Magsay-Say Ave Prk 5
Minimum Bid Price : 56,000.00

LOT 94 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 707 sqm
Lot 2526 Ing St., Pob New Corella
Minimum Bid Price : 46,000.00

LOT 95 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 1865 Magsay-Say Ave Prk. 5
Minimum Bid Price : 56,000.00

LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 2112 Fr Gomez St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 48,000.00

LOT 97 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,412 sqm
Lots 2292 & 2291 Bonifacio St. Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 74,000.00

LOT 98 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 338 sqm Flr Area 69 sqm
Lot 1089-B-5-D-6-E Prk 6, Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 176,000.00

LOT 99 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 774 sqm Flr. Area 99 sqm
Lot 1090-B-2-C-6-A & 1090-B-2-C-6-B Romualdez Ext.
Minimum Bid Price : 402,000.00

LOT 100 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm Flr. Area: 102 sqm
Lot 2529 Prk. 2 Roxas Ave., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 420,000.00

LOT 101-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 49,702 sqm
Lot 1538-B Barrio Site, Mesaoy Proper
Minimum Bid Price : 841,000.00

LOT 102-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm
Lot 1996 Rizal Ext. St.
Minimum Bid Price : 60,000.00

KAPALONG

LOT 103 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 3,458 sqm Flr. Area: 353 sqm
Lots D-2-A & D-2-B-2 Prov'L Rd., Maniki
Minimum Bid Price : 1,561,000.00

STO. TOMAS

LOT 104 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 80,000 sqm
Lots 2960-A &2961-A Bo Esperanza
Minimum Bid Price : 800,000.00

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DAVAO CITY

LOT 105-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,000 sqm
Lot 11 Blk. 3 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price : 330,000.00

LOT 106-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,000 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 4 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price : 330,000.00

LOT 107-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,997 sqm
Lot 15 Blk. 4 Ventosa Subd., Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price : 330,000.00

LOT 108 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 698 sqm
Lot 516-C-3-L Interior Bacaca
Minimum Bid Price : 179,000.00

LOT 109 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 760 sqm
Lot 7 Interior Indangan, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 152,000.00

LOT 110 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 501 sqm
Lot 8 Interior Indangan, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 101,000.00

LOT 111 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 134 sqm
Lot 5 No 83Buhangin Rd Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 349,000.00

LOT 112-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 500 sqm
Lot 26 Interior Indangan, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 94,000.00

LOT 113-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 4,800 sqm
Lot 536-A-2 Int., Tigatto, Buhangin Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 2,016,000.00

LOT 114-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 400 sqm
Lot 5 Blk. 6, Pioneer Vill., Buhangin
Minimum Bid Price : 135,000.00

LOT 115-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,263 sqm
Lot 1-1-2 Sobrecary St., Bo Obrero
Minimum Bid Price : 2,224,000.00

LOT 116 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,305 sqm
Lot 9 Maana Hills, Talomo District
Minimum Bid Price : 836,000.00

LOT 117 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,747 sqm
Lot 7 Bangkal, Talomo
Minimum Bid Price : 1,154,000.00

LOT 118 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,747 sqm
Lot 8 Bangkal, Talomo
Minimum Bid Price : 1,319,000.00

LOT 119 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 320 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 3 Tulip St., Greenhills Subd., Catalunanpequeno, Talomo Dist.
Minimum Bid Price : 259,000.00

LOT 120 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 3,636sqm Flr Area 1,611 sqm
Lots 2-B-5; 2, 1; 4 Macarthur Highway, Bo. Lizada, Toril
Minimum Bid Price : 6,704,000.00

LOT 121 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 228 sqm Flr. Area: 77 sqm
Lot 120-C ,205 Prk. 4-A, Brgy 25-C, Interior Fatima St.
Minimum Bid Price : 622,000.00

LOT 122-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 415 sqm
Lot 8 Blk 10 Along Avancena St
Minimum Bid Price : 2,082,000.00

DIGOS CITY

LOT 123 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 1 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 124 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 125 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 3 Blk 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 126 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 127 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 194 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 38,000.00

LOT 128 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 190 sqm
Lot 5 Blk 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 41,000.00

LOT 129 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 190 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 41,000.00

LOT 130 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 194 sqm
Lot 7 Blk 1 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 38,000.00

LOT 131 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 11 Blk. 3 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 132 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 14 Blk 3 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 133 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 134 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 135 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 136 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 9 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 137 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 200 sqm
Lot 11 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 138 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 200 sqm
Lot 12 Blk 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 139 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 13 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 140 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 197 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 4 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 141 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 222 sqm
Lot 1 Blk. 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 38,000.00

LOT 142 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 210 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 36,000.00

LOT 143 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 210 sqm
Lot 3 Blk.5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 36,000.00

LOT 144 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 222 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 5 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 38,000.00

LOT 145 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 195 sqm
Lot 13 Blk. 6 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 146 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 198 sqm
Lot 17 Blk. 7 Ruparan
Minimum Bid Price : 34,000.00

LOT 147 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 966 sqm Flr Area: 57 sqm
Lot 12-G-9-E-1 Subd. Rd., Cagape Subd., San Jose
Minimum Bid Price : 630,000.00

LOT 148 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 4,940 sqm
Lot 12-G-9-F Subd. Rd., Cagape Subd., San Jose
Minimum Bid Price : 2,100,000.00

LOT 149 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 478 sqm Flr. Area 37 sqm
Lot 12613-C-4 Aurora 6Th St.
Minimum Bid Price : 489,000.00

LOT 150 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 726 sqm Flr. Area: 297 sqm
L3B6 Del Pilar St
Minimum Bid Price : 1,481,000.00

LOT 151 - SUGARLAND
Lot Area: 61,146 sqm
Lot 4572-B Lungag
Minimum Bid Price : 671,000.00

LOT 152 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 600 sqm Flr. Area. 184 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 24 Balintawak St.
Minimum Bid Price : 588,000.00

LOT 153 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 630 sqm Flr. Area: 194 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 30 Jacinto St.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,239,000.00

LOT 154 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 600 sqm Flr. Area 242 sqm
Lot 21, As-112403-000136/ Blk. 201 Lopez Jaena St.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,038,000.00

LOT 155 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 607 sqm Flr. Area. 105 sqm
Lot 14 Blk. 151 Bataan St.
Minimum Bid Price : 467,000.00

LOT 156 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 708 sqm Flr. Area: 104 sqm
Lot 4 Blk. 64 Luna Ext.
Minimum Bid Price : 675,000.00

LOT 157 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 550 sqm
Lot 17 Blk. 151 Bataan St.
Minimum Bid Price : 314,000.00

LOT 158 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 595 sqm
Lot 15 Blk 151 Nakas St
Minimum Bid Price : 254,000.00

BANSALAN

LOT 159 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 153.50 sqmFlr. Area.356 sqm
Lot 30-A Blk. 6 Viacrusis St., Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,469,000.00

LOT 160 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 325 sqm Flr. Area 594 sqm
Lot 5 Blk. 7 Viacrusis St., Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price : 2,478,000.00

LOT 161 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 367 sqm Flr. Area 183 sqm
Lot 19 Blk. 3 Lily St. Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,038,000.00

LOT 162 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 300 sqm Flr. Area. 300 sqm
Lot 9 Blk. 6 J P Laurel St., Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price : 1,173,000.00

LOT 163 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 10,000 sqm
Lot 5290-A New Clarin, Bansalan
Minimum Bid Price : 150,000.00

HAGONOY

LOT 164 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 1,420 sqm Flr. Area.137 sqm
Lot 9160-C Brgy Rd., San Isidro
Minimum Bid Price : 325,000.00

KIBLAWAN

LOT 165 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 41,052 sqm
Lot 125, Pls. 632 Ext. Ihan
Minimum Bid Price : 440,000.00

LOT 166 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 46,354 sqm
Lot 108, Pls 632 Ext. Ihan, Kiblawan
Minimum Bid Price : 344,000.00

MALITA

LOT 167 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 227 sqm Flr. Area: 220 sqm
Lot 173-A Quezon St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 915,000.00

STA. MARIA

LOT 168 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,800 sqm Flr.Area: 259 sqm
Lot 7273-F-1-A Lambino Subd., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 1,276,000.00

SULOP

LOT 169-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 263 sqm
Lot 5777-I-4-E Municipal Rd. To Waterfall Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 72,000.00

LOT 170 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 189 sqm
Lot 5777-I-4-D Municipal Rd. To Waterfall Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 54,000.00

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LOT 171-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,196 sqm
Lots 3344 & 3345 Existing Rd Bobon
Minimum Bid Price : 46,000.00

LOT 172 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 28,457 sqm
Lot 376 Brgy Bobon
Minimum Bid Price : 61,000.00

LOT 173 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 301 sqm Flr. Area. 35 sqm
Lot 5117-A-2 Subd Rd. Lemente Vill., Calagundian
Minimum Bid Price : 156,000.00

LOT 174 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 15,791 sqm
Lot No. 484 Lawigan
Minimum Bid Price : 76,000.00

LOT 175 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 1,000 sqm Flr. Area 66 sqm
Lot 595-B-25 Rizal St., Lenaloc
Minimum Bid Price : 1,214,000.00

LOT 176 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 2 Blk. 4 Rd Lot 1. Ong Subd., Lomagaob
Minimum Bid Price : 209,000.00

LOT 177 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 240 sqm Flr. Area: 173 sqm
Lot 18 & 19 Blk. 3 Camia St., Don Luis Vill., Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 457,000.00

LOT 178 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 500 sqm
Lot 7 Blk. 32 Municipal Rd., Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 285,000.00

LOT 179 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area. 886 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-I Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 340,000.00

LOT 180 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 120 sqm
Lot 8 Blk. 4 Orchid St., Don Luis Vill., Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 62,000.00

LOT 181 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 195 sqm
Lot 2-D-6-C Rd Lot 2-D-9 Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 83,000.00

LOT 182 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 195 sqm
Lot 2-D-6-D Rd Lot 2-D-9 Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 83,000.00

LOT 183 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 209 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-D Subd Rd., Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 89,000.00

LOT 184 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 217 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-E Subd. Rd, Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 93,000.00

LOT 185 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 201 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-F Subd. Rd., Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 86,000.00

LOT 186 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 238 sqm
Lot 2-D-7-G Subd. Rd Madang
Minimum Bid Price : 102,000.00

LOT 187 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,276 sqm Flr Area 120 sqm
Lot 3-A-7-B-1 Interior Lot W/O Row Bitanagan, Brgy Don Martin Marundan
Minimum Bid Price : 176,000.00

LOT 188 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm
Lot 5312-E Interior Lot W/O Rrow Prk. Pakkisama, Pahamulang Rd, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 45,000.00

LOT 189 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 378 sqm
Lot 1 Blk. 2 Rd. Lot 1 Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 76,000.00

LOT 190 - W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,821 sqm
Lot D-4-B Interco Drive, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 508,000.00

LOT 191 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 464 sqm Flr. Area 140 sqm
Lot 600-B-2-G-1 Interior Lot W/O Rd. Right Of Way Int. Dalcor Rd Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 167,000.00

LOT 192 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 20,000 sqm Flr Area 160 sqm
Lot 1-B & Lot 1-D Brgy Rd. Upper Kapayas, Don Martin Marundan, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 954,000.00

LOT 193-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 448 sqm
Lot D-7-G Prk. Malambo-On, Interior Interco Drive Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 77,000.00

LOT 194-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 500 sqm
Lot 5364-E (5424) Alley Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 111,000.00

LOT 195-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 500 sqm
Lot 5364-A Alley Lower Kapayas. Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 111,000.00

LOT 196-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 551 sqm
Lot 5364-H Alley Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 122,000.00

LOT 197 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 499 sqm
Lot 1777-B Subd. Rd., Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 198 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 500 sqm
Lot 1777-O Brgy. Rd., Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 199 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 486 sqm
Lot 1777-J Alley Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 104,000.00

LOT 200 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 2,104 sqm
Lot 4-L-2-I Adjacent To Lopez Vill Subd., Matiao
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LOT 201 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 216 sqm
Lot 6 Blk. 14 Sibala Vill Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 46,000.00

LOT 202 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 221 sqm
Lot 8 Blk 14 Sibala Vill., Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 47,000.00

LOT 203 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 223 sqm
Lot 19 Blk. 12 Sibala Vill., Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 44,000.00

LOT 204 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 499 sqm
Lot 1777-H Rd Lot 1777-T Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 205 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 499 sqm
Lot 1777-G Rd Lot 1777-T Lower Kapayas, Matiao
Minimum Bid Price : 107,000.00

LOT 206 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 147 sqm Flr. Area 83 sqm
Lot 152-D-2-A Rizal Extn., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 383,000.00

LOT 207 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 524 sqm Flr. Area 532 sqm
L3 B14 Municipal Rd., Sto. Nino Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 3,906,000.00

LOT 208 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 179 sqm Flr. Area. 64 sqm
Lot 3814-I-3 Along Don S. Garcia St., Upper Salazar
Minimum Bid Price : 333,000.00

MANAY

LOT 209 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 780 sqm Flr. Area: 130 sqm
Lot 1579-A Nat'L Highway, San Ignacio
Minimum Bid Price : 201,000.00

LOT 210 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 62,672 sqm
Lot 1700-A & 1700-D San Ignacio
Minimum Bid Price : 320,000.00

LOT 211 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 5,000 sqm Flr. Area 304 sqm
Lot 290-A Nat'L Hway
Minimum Bid Price : 2,614,000.00

LUPON

LOT 212 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 141 sqm Flr. Area: 108 sqm
Lot 2007 Aguinaldo St., Baybay
Minimum Bid Price : 625,000.00

LOT 213 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 5,000 sqm
Lot 2515-B Brgy Ilangay
Minimum Bid Price : 700,000.00

LOT 214 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 42,008 sqm
Lot No. 2435-A Brgy Ilangay
Minimum Bid Price : 588,000.00

LOT 215 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 207 sqm Flr. Area: 90 sqm
L4 No 0177 Immaculada. Int. Aguinaldo St.
Minimum Bid Price : 136,000.00

LOT 216 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,231 sqm Flr. Area 293 sqm
Lot No. 1 Comara St., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 1,785,000.00

GOV. GENEROSO

LOT 217 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 831 sqm
Lot 1105/600 Dao, Upper, Tibanban
Minimum Bid Price : 32,000.00

LOT 218 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 1,239 sqm
Lot 1113/600 Dao, Upper, Tibanban
Minimum Bid Price : 48,000.00

CATEEL

LOT 219 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 300 sqm Flr. Area. 123 sqm
Lot 5 Lopez Jaena Extn. St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 712,000.00

CARAGA

LOT 220 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 400 sqm Flr Area. 144 sqm
#91-B Cor Fracirfox&Sobrecarey Sts., Pob.
Minimum Bid Price : 295,000.00

LOT 221 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 13,935 sqm
Lot 2094 Brgy Sta Fe
Minimum Bid Price : 48,000.00

LOT 222 - AGRILAND
Lot Area 17,952 sqm
Lot 2104 Brgy Sta. Fe
Minimum Bid Price : 86,000.00

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LOT 223 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 2,000 sqm Flr. Area 113 sqm
Lot 92-C-4 Calubian
Minimum Bid Price : 264,000.00

LOT 224 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 28,231 sqm
Lot 3480-D Mogbongcogon
Minimum Bid Price : 530,000.00

LOT 225 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 1,039 sqm Flr. Area: 153 sqm
Lot No. 5 Nat'L Hway Brgy Piso
Minimum Bid Price : 642,000.00

LOT 226 - AGRILAND
Lot Area: 9,320 sqm
Lot 11 Prk. 5, San Vicente
Minimum Bid Price : 140,000.00

LOT 227 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 395 sqm Flr. Area: 88 sqm
Lot 2-G-6 Rd Lot 2-G-9 Prk. 7-A Molave
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LOT 228 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 190 sqm Flr. Area: 267 sqm
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LOT 230 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 334 sqm Flr. Area: 108 sqm
Lot B-3 Caballero St., Kingking
Minimum Bid Price : 476,000.00

NABUNTURAN

LOT 231 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 300 sqm Flr. Area: 85 sqm
Lot 7-E-1 Prk. 7 Arellano Ext., Pob
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MONTEVISTA

LOT 232 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 300 sqm
Lot 13 Blk 11 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 20,000.00

LOT 233 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 300 sqm
Lot 12 Blk 11 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 20,000.00

LOT 234 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 300 sqm
Lot 15 Blk 11 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 20,000.00

LOT 235 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 19 Blk 10 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

LOT 236 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 20 Blk 10 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

LOT 237 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 21 Blk 10 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

LOT 238 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 400 sqm
Lot 22 Blk 10 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

LOT 239 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 2 Blk 13 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

LOT 240 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area: 400 sqm
Lot 18 Blk 10 Prk 3-A Buenavista Hts, Km 100, Linoan
Minimum Bid Price : 26,000.00

MONKAYO

LOT 241 - VACANT LOT
Lot Area 800.30 sqm.
Lot 2093 No 077 Glenn Kerr St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 205,000.00

LOT 242-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 800 sqm
Lot 2375 Judge Cruz St
Minimum Bid Price : 52,000.00

LOT 243-W/ MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 801 sqm
Lot 1795 Prk. 8, Papaya St
Minimum Bid Price : 52,000.00

MACO

LOT 244 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 172 sqm Flr. Area. 113 sqm
Lot 18 Dao St., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 199,000.00

COMPOSTELA

LOT 245 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 384 sqm Flr. Area: 120 sqm
L12B21 Maibay Cor Lanbja Sts., Pob
Minimum Bid Price : 731,000.00

LOT 246 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 20,000 sqm Flr.Area 229 sqm
Lot 13020-A Prk. 2, Prov'L Rd
Minimum Bid Price : 4,801,000.00

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KIDAPAWAN

LOT 247 - LOT W/ IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 532 sqm
Lot 10-B-1-I-10-E-6-A Mundog Subd.
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distant choice—as in 'if you cannot find a job, *mag-negosyo ka na lang.*"

He wants to turn that mindset around, a seemingly tall order since BS Entrepreneurship is not even among the top 10 most popular courses here. "We're looking at the program of CHEd to see where we can assist in the area of curriculum enhancement, putting together manuals, training the teachers, and involving real entrepreneurs in the learning process. As important as the diploma is, they ought to have a real working business by the time they graduate."

He believes that CHEd has drawn up a forward-looking curriculum that would give rise to more small entrepreneurs and a strong culture of enterprise among Filipinos.

"We'd like to see more college campuses becoming genuine business incubators that give students the ability to create value from ideas, even using only modest resources."

He is enamored with the highly successful US program ran by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, an organization that helps young people build business skills. Filipino-American business leader Loida Nicolas-Lewis happens to sit on the NFTE board and is helping bring the program in through PCE.

Through PCE, he also plans to popularize business plan competitions by co-organizing as many as four national contests in the next 12 months.

Aside from developing a rock-solid business plan, PCE will provide the contestants a businessman-mentor, "someone who can show them the ropes," he adds.

The combination of these efforts, he says, will amount to building "Negosyo Communities" everywhere with educational programs and business plan competitions.

"In other Asian countries, the entrepreneurial spirit is robust and exciting," he rues. "We can do something about that right here."

Taking a leaf from his marketing battle plans, Joey wants to grow new Philippine superstars—the entrepreneurs who started small, with a single idea.

His wish is that more Filipinos view these "superstars" as better role models than what pop culture has to offer today. "We need the right reality show: the telenovela of the successful entrepreneur."

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Show Your Techno contest gathers aspiring designers

OPEN to both amateur and professional photographers and artists, Show Your Techno features various creative photos and artwork made by TechnoMarine aficionados in the Philippines. Each creation captures the distinct passion that TechnoMarine owners have for their preferred TechnoMarine model. Based on the international Show Your Techno campaign found on the TechnoMarine website, sole Philippine distributor Techno Time Retailers Corp decided to utilize its existing partnership with pop media mogul MTV and implemented a local version of the contest in the hopes of encouraging young designers to present their understanding of the brand.

After more than two months or rigorous searching, TechnoMarine has finally come out with the top three entries that it deemed the most unique and best representing TechnoMarine's longstanding repute of being one of the most innovative brands in the watch industry. A 25 year-old graphic designer, a 17-year old college multimedia student and a 18-year old ballet dancer comprise this year's winning roster of TechnoMarine's Show Your Techno creative entries. Let's hear what led them to participate in TechnoMarine's latest initiative.

1st place Jerome Revilla - Inspired by a beautiful picture he had seen of an ancient Egyptian wall, 25-year old Computer Engineering graduate Jerome Revilla wanted to create a design that would portray TechnoMarine's Limited Edition Diva Full Pave model as a valuable archaeological find. The result - a truly unique design where the face of the TechnoMarine Diva is artistically superimposed into the crevices of an Egyptian wall. Jerome joined the Show Your Techno contest as a means of deciphering whether or not he had a career pursuing it professionally. After seeing the commercial on MTV, he took his creative inclinations and put them to use by producing a total of six exceptional designs. Jerome is also into singing, acting and photography.

2nd place John Ryo Manaluz - At 17 years old, John Ryo still finds time to explore his imaginative abilities as a young graphic designer apart while playing lead guitar in his college band To Be Announced. Currently a Multimedia Arts student in one of Manila's top colleges, John Ryo saw the contest advertisement in the newspaper and saw it as a good opportunity to test his grasp of the theories he had learned in school. His college professor apparently thought the same given that soon encouraged the rest of his Multimedia Arts students to send in their entries as well. He chose to use TechnoMarine's XS Lady as he found its design to stand out among the rest of the collection found in the website. His winning entry juxtaposed the XS Lady amidst a blue cavernous background full of stalactites. He carefully chose an image of a goldfish and a cocktail drink to complete the aesthetic composition of his work.

3rd place Stephanie Kienle - Stephanie Kienle's love for the arts began when she was 5 years old. Growing up to be a professional ballet dancer and theater actress has not stopped her from exploring other artistic forms - the latest being photography. Stephanie's picturesque shots of herself amidst Boracay's glorious skies provided a relaxing feel of TechnoMarine's ocean origins. Asked why she decided to join Show Your Techno, Steph simply muses, "It was being at the right time and right place (Boracay)." Steph used her personal TechnoMarine Cruise for her winning entry. She loves TechnoMarine designs for their versatility, "You can wear them practically anywhere, the gym, the beach. And for those always on the go TechnoMarine appears to be the perfect accessory to whatever setting they might suddenly find themselves in."

TechnoMarine collections are available at TechnoMarine Flagship Store located at Ground Floor Greenbelt 3 (tel. no. 757-3975); TechnoMarine Boutique, 3rd Floor Building A SM Megamall (tel. no. 631-7491); Rafael Jewellery, 2nd Level Shangri-la Plaza Mall (tel. no. 636-3398), Rafael Jewellery, Mezzanine Level Makati Shangri-la Hotel (tel. no. 813-8501), My Diamond, 2nd Floor Glorietta 4 (tel. no. 757-1086); Time Plus 75, Ground Floor Greenhills Theater Mall (tel. no. 721-7868); and Washington Rockwell, R1 Level Powerplant Mall (tel. no. 898-2288).

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Free blood sugar, cholesterol tests at 'Celebrate Life!'

VISITORS to the "Celebrate Life" health expo at SM Megamall from Aug. 22 to 27 can avail themselves of free blood sugar and cholesterol tests and consultation with medical specialists courtesy of Therapharma Inc, a division of United Laboratories, which specializes in cardiovascular medicines.

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To register and know more about the free screening, call Therapharma's pharmacoeconomics hotline at 1-800-10-6-432584 or 637-4890.

The free medical screening and consultation from Therapharma is just one of the highlights of the "Celebrate Life" expo, organized by Friendly Alliances and Media Expressions Inc (FAME Inc), the publisher of Health and Lifestyle magazine.

The "Celebrate Life" Expo is one way of educating people on preventive health and healthy lifestyle. Other highlights of the event will be exhibits of healthcare products, equipment and services that focus on hygiene, healthy eating, cosmetics and perfume, tips on baby care and the latest trends on fitness and healthcare.

th ENGINEERING ALUMNI HOMECOMING

USJ-R ENGINEERS ELECT NEW BOARD OFFICERS

Trail blazing Josenian engineers of the University of San Jose-Recoletos - catalyst for change/change-agents - have elected a new set of board officers and directors for the year 2005 to 2006 recently where Cebu Vice Governor Sanchez (2004 Josenians Inc 'Most Outstanding Alumni Awardee' and recipient of PGMA's Presidential Trophy for same) and Transco president and chief executive officer Dr. Alan Ortiz were speakers during the USJ-R Engineering Week and Grand Alumni Homecoming. Shown are (front row, from left): directors Danny Senledo, PRO Eddie Diva, Chito Quiño, Dr. Alberto Talaid (auditor), VP Nick Limkunhuy, president Loy Cabatingan, Joesinians Inc president Ex Bollozos, Mandaue City engineer Ceferino Englis, Manny Ouano, IP president Inting Vosotros; (standing, from left): directors Florencio Sy, Rizaldy Velasco, Cebu City fire marshall Eshmael Codilla, PSME Cebu Chapter president Edwin Torillo (treasurer), Nanette Salazar, Jay Comabig, secretary Randy Salazar.

GOLD WAY DIGITAL RECEIVES AWARD

Gold Way Digital Equipment Inc (exclusive Philippine distributor of Toshiba AV Products) received the award as the Most Outstanding Flat Screen Television for Toshiba last July 20 at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel given by the Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards Institute, Sales and Marketing Magazine and the Asian Institute of Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Shown (from left) during the awards night are: Dr. Felix M. Lao Jr., Ph.D., chair - awards committee national president, Philippine Marketing Association; Resty V. De Jesus, sales and marketing - Gold Way Digital Equipment Inc; Melanie Marquez, actress/model - guest; and JJ Roces of Asia Pacific Marketing Federation.

PLM appoints new dean for Graduate School of Law

TARRIELA

EDGAR E. Tarriela, the managing partner of the Tarriela Tagao Ona and Associates Law Offices and a senior professorial lecturer at the PLM College of Law was appointed recently as dean of the Graduate School of Law by PLM president Dr. Benjamin Tayabas. Lawyer Tarriela has taught Law at PLM for the past fifteen years. Dean Tarriela obtained his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law Degrees at the University of the Philippines. He finished his Master's in Comparative Law Degree at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was a bar examiner in Taxation. A member of various local and international associations, he is currently the president of the Philippine-Finland Association, and the country representative of Lawasia, a regional lawyers organization in the Asia Pacific Region. Dean Tarriela announced that the Graduate School of Law is offering Master's Degree program in Law to all qualified members of the Philippine Bar desiring to pursue a Masteral Degree in Law. Among the distinguished professors teaching this semester are Justice Jorge Coquia an expert in International Law; lawyer Mervyn Encanto former IBP president and EVP of Philippine National Bank Environmental Law. For more particulars, contact Grace M. Ricafort and Julius Caesar Ileto at Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila Graduate School of Law, 3rd Floor, Gusaling Katipunan, tel. nos. 527-8229 and 527-8045. Application forms and other information can be obtained at said office.

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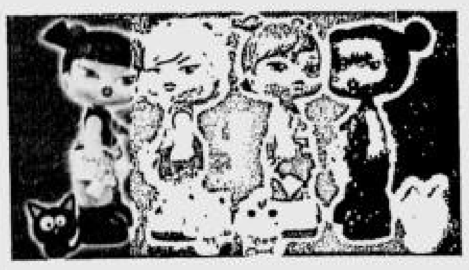

Macaroni Soup: A hug in a bowl

LIKE many other foreign dishes that have become uniquely Pinoy, the macaroni soup remains to be among the top comfort foods in the Filipino mind. Warm, chunky and creamy, the soup is perfectly soothing and reassuring. It's almost like a hug in a bowl! That's why Jollibee, home of everything langhap-sarap, serves your favorite bowl of Creamy Macaroni Soup the way you've always loved it. With its dreamy medley of creamy chicken soup, macaroni noodles, veggies and meat chunks, the Creamy Macaroni Soup makes for a perfect complement to your favorite Jollibee Value Meal. Just add P22 to the Value Meal of your choice or enjoy it as a solo serving for only P25 .

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The leaders of Philippine business and the Conflict Resolution Group Foundation (Core) with the support of the Asia Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) recently signed the papers establishing the National Center for Mediation (NCM). Members of these business organizations can avail of the service of mediation at the NCM. Present at the event are (from left) lawyer Richard Chua Jr of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry; Gerry Plana, executive director of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP); Donald Dee, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI); lawyer Miguel Varela, president of Team Philippines Inc, and Aniano Bagabaldo, vice president of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop); (standing from left) Dr. Steven Rood, country representative of Asia Foundation; Annabelle Abaya, president of Core Foundation; and Joseph Francia, secretary general of the Federation of Philippine Industry. For more information contact Core and NCM at 632-9356/635-9982.

MARQUINTON HOLDS CEREMONIAL CONCRETE-POURING

Real estate giant Federal Land Inc (FedLand), recently held a ceremonial concrete-pouring for Marquinton Residences, one of Marikina City's most anticipated and commercial developments. Fedland officers, together with their construction partners, symbolically marked the continuous construction of the much awaited condominium project. Management committees from FedLand's two marketing arms: from Fedsales and Omni-Orients, also celebrated the momentous event with them. For further details on Marquinton Residences, call 889-6414 or 889-4900. Shown are (from left) Federal Land's partners in construction Dominador Yap, Dennis Abecede Jr; FLI marketing first VP Ramon Aldaba; FLI property planning and development FVP Jose Talusan Jr.; architect George Go and Sammy Tan.

No secret ...

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match factory's operations by acquiring modern machinery which he saw during his travels to Germany. This enabled his father's company, Panomatch, to capture 25 percent to 35 percent of the local match market which was then a monopoly of the Manila-based, Swedish-owned company, Philippine Match Co.

After eight years with his father, NQ Jr. decided to go on his own and organized Norkis Trading Co. Inc.—a corporate name coined from his own.

Biggest business venture

NQ Jr.'s prolonged stay in Cebu became the catalyst for what would eventually become his biggest business endeavor. He also became an adopted son of Cebu.

NQ Jr.'s family lived in the city while the match factory was in Mandaue. Roads were bad and transportation was a problem. "The dominant mode of transportation then was the horse-drawn tartanilla," he recalls. He was looking for an affordable alternative transportation, having decided that the bicycle was not a viable alternative.

The motorcycle caught his fancy. He learned that it was difficult to get units, even in Manila, because of limited supply in the midst of growing demand. Once he had a chance to go to Japan, he scouted for possible suppliers and learned there were 10 or more motorcycle makers. He also learned that one of them, Yamaha, was being sold in the Philippines but the importer was also carrying another leading brand.

He figured out that Yamaha may be interested in getting an exclusive distributor for the Philippine market and wrote the Japanese manufacturer. Yamaha initially replied to the budding entrepreneur that they were not interested but, unknown to NQ Jr., Yamaha was discreetly checking his background and credentials. After a while, Yamaha contacted him and offered a one-year trial period.

Growing together

The 43-year relationship between Yamaha and the Norkis Group of Companies is now one of the most enduring partnerships that the Japanese company ever had during its 50 years of corporate existence.

Norkis also became a conjugal endeavor. Starting out with meager capital and a five-man team, NQ Jr. and Britta divided the work between them. "I was in charge of operations and marketing while she handled finance," NQ Jr. recalls.

NQ Jr. travelled all over the country, going home to Cebu only once a month, to personally set up the Norkis marketing network. Britta, who had no formal training in finance, relied on her keen eye for details and strong drive for perfection—traits she developed as a classical pianist and which enabled her to adeptly play her complicated role of tightly monitoring the fledgling company's performance and rearing her children. And under Britta's eagle eyes, the past 43 years has always been profitable for Norkis.

"We started with 12 units," recalls Jose C. Yap, one of the original employees who joined Norkis in 1962. Then a 22-year-old engineer, Yap was in charge of the assembly line, supervising a mechanic, a utility man and a sales engineer. Two months later, they were doing 36 units. Norkis has assembled over a million Yamaha motorcycles since then. It is now a participant of the government's Motor Vehicle Development Program and registered with the Board of Investments.

No secret formula

For NQ Jr., there is no secret formula behind Norkis' success—it is pure and simple honest, hard work plus a good dose of common sense and fair dealings. "We delegate but never abdicate supervision," he says.

The strong growth in demand for motorcycles during Norkis' early years was brought about by NQ Jr.'s own innovation—the tricycle. In the early 1960s, the pedicabs, which connoted slave labor, were banned in Manila. Tinkering with his motorcycles in Dagupan, NQ Jr. attached a Yamaha YGI 80cc to a pedicab and created an instant winner. The concept became popular and soon the volume of YGI 80cc sales soared. The tricycle became the source of livelihood for as many as 4 to 5 million Filipinos throughout the country.

But times keep on changing and the tricycle is slowly being phased out. The solo riders, which now account for as much as 80 percent of total sales, are fueling the industry's growth.

Norkis recently opened Yamaha 3S Shops (sales, service, and spare parts and accessories) in key cities where motorcycle enthusiasts can buy their units, have it serviced and dressed up in one stop.

Ever keen on the market's changing needs and preferences, NQ Jr. developed an alternative vehicle—the Multicabs in the 1990s. When Norkis pilot-tested the Multicab in Mandaue City, the tricycle drivers plying the area were wary they would throw stones at the new vehicles. But eventually, the operators could not resist the added benefits of the Multicabs over their old tricycles.

Depending on the model, the vehicle could accommodate up to 14 passengers and operators who shifted to Multicabs have realized they could earn twice as much as they used to on their three-wheelers. The affordable, fuel-efficient mini vans became so popular that many backyard fabricators have copied it. It is being used as ambulances in the regions, delivery trucks by many entrepreneurs, service vehicles in golf courses and roving security vehicles by local government units.

Recently, Norkis launched the Legacy First, a car that is either a pick-up or mini-truck with manual or automatic transmission. Suitable for personal and business purposes, it uses a 660 cc 3-cylinder engine and can carry a maximum load of 350 kilograms.

In the light of rising cost of fuel nowadays, NQ Jr. believes that the Multicab and Legacy First have big market potentials here and in other developing countries.

Expansion and diversification

GROWING Quisumbing family in their first house in Lahug.

Today, Norkis' highly diversified operations have over 5,000 employees with aggregate payroll, benefits and incentives of about P60 million a month. Another 5,000 derive their livelihood through its contractors and independent dealers, creating another income stream into the local economy of about P40 million a month.

Norkis is also one of Cebu's biggest taxpayers, contributing to the government almost P1 billion in value-added tax and import duties in 2004.

Now composed of 34 companies, the Norkis Group is backed with a network of over 1,200 branches, dealers and service centers nationwide.

Its core business remains to be motor vehicles—the Yamaha motorcycles and the highly affordable, fuel-efficient and pollution-free Multicabs and Legacy First. "The Norkis family shares the dream of every Filipino to have a vehicle of his own so he can be the master of his own time," says NQ Jr.

The Norkis Group also exports furniture and metal crates. It has agribusiness ventures in Cebu, Bukidnon, Batangas and Masbate. Norkis is also involved in metal fabrication, engineering work and real estate development. It recently launched the Golden Aire line of air conditioners equipped with Hitachi compressors.

Highly paternalistic

A large number of original and retired Norkisans, as Norkis employees call themselves, continue to maintain their ties with the company through their children and grandchildren who have joined the Norkis family.

One of them is Florentino Juan, one of NQ Jr.'s trusted drivers. Mang Poling was barely 18 years old when he was hired as a janitor in Norkis-Mandaluyong in 1968. Mang Poling recalls that when he became a truck helper, he decided to attend a vocational course for driver-mechanics.

Mang Poling eventually retired in 1998. Then, the company's chief mechanic, Mang Poling was only 47 years old. NQ Jr., who felt Mang Poling still had a lot of productive years ahead of him, offered a Norkis dealership.

But Mang Poling was more comfortable with the trucking business, and with NQ Jr.'s encouragement, he borrowed P300,000 from Norkis which he used to buy a delivery truck. "I have been a trucking contractor for Norkis for seven years," Mang Poling says. His son-in-law helps him run the family business and he is happy that his daughter, Geraldine, is now the secretary of NQ Jr.

Many other Norkis employees have similar stories. NQ Jr. and Britta still look at their employees' regular pay, benefits and incentive packages at regular frequency. And NQ Jr. is proud to say that Norkis' retirement program is quite generous and gratuitous.

NQ Jr. still remembers those painful years when Norkis had to lay off many of its workers, cutting down its workforce from 2,000 to 500. "That was in the early 1980s when the country was hit by one of the worst economic crisis," he recalls. All of them were eventually rehired two years later.

"Our own experience in the Norkis family had shown that despite our diverse backgrounds—for we have Norkisans coming from all parts of the country and from various ethnic groups—we succeeded because we are united by a common purpose and bound by common values," NQ Jr. says.

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PDI -- Aug. 21,28 Sept 4,2005

Notice is hereby given for the extrajudicial settlement of bank account of the late CRESENCIO V. GONZALES to his legal heirs as per Doc #63, Pg# 13 Bk #XLV, Series of 2005 of Not Pub of Carlos C. Abesamis.
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In the matter of the Adoption of Minor
LADY AVEGEIL GELLADO
AGUDERA with Application for
Declaration as Abandoned Child,

JDRC No. 6553

SPOUSES JEFFERY E. GUEVARA
and EVELYN A. GUEVARA,
Petitioners.
x-----------------------------------x

ORDER

This refers to a verified petition for the adoption of minor Lady Avegeil Gellado Agudera, filed by petitioners Sps. Jeffery E. Guevara and Evelyn A. Guevara, praying that after due notice, publication and hearing, judgment be rendered to the effect that the minor be freed from all legal obligations of obedience and maintenance with respect to her natural parents, and be, for all legal intents and purposes, the child of petitioners, and be issued a new Certificate of Birth.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing of this petition be set on August 24, 2005 at 8:30 in the morning to be held at the 2nd Floor, Room 205, Justice Hall Building, Rizal Provincial Capitol Compound, Pasig City.

Let this order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the region and elected by raffle under the supervision of the Executive Judge.

Furnish the OSG, petitioners and their counsel a copy of this order.

SO ORDERED.
July 13, 2005
Pasig City, Metro Manila

(Sgd.) LORIFEL LACAP PAHIMNA
Judge

(PDI- August 5, 12, 19, 21 & 23, 2005)

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JUNIOR FINANCE SPECIALIST

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The JFS would assist and would be co-responsible with the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer on all matters related to financial management of the Project Specifically, the JFS would:

1. Assist the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer in the supervision of the accounting function at the Central and Provincial Project Offices (PPOs) ensuring correct applications of approved policies and procedures which shall include, but not limited to:
    a. Proper maintenance of primary books of account, general ledgers, record books and accounting files covering the GOP and Loan Proceeds funding;
    b. Administer budgetary control, approve expenditures in accordance with approved Workplan and Budget and monitor budget variances;
    c. Review Disbursement Vouchers for propriety and completeness of documentation prior to their approval;
    d. Ensure timely preparation of monthly project financial reports including bank reconciliations, cash flow projections and statement of expenditures;
2. Assist the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer in the consolidation and analysis of financial reports collected from the PPOs, LGUs and NIA offices including subsequent satisfactory revision of the same;
3. Assist the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer in coordinating with the PPOs, LGUs, and NIA offices to ensure prompt and timely submission of project financial reports, including bank reconciliations and statement of expenditures;
4. Assist the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer in the periodic inspection of project books of accounts and financial transactions of the PPOs, LGUs and NIA offices and report any financial accounting system or procedural malfunction or deficiency to the head of office concerned, copy furnished the CPO Project Director;
5. Assist the Chief Financial and Procurement Officer in preparing timely funding requests, disbursements and expenditure reports covering the WB and GOP funding.

Qualification Requirements: The position requires a minimum of eight (8) years professional experience in government accounting systems, installation of financial management systems, financial monitoring, and preparation of financial reports; minimum of three (3) years experience in working in foreign-assisted projects; familiary with LGU accounting systems; computer literate and with good oral and written communication skills.

Interested applicants must submit their application letter, comprehensive resumé, list and description of similar and recent work assignments to the address below by no later than September 09, 2005, 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Adelberto B. Baniqued
Chief Technical Advisor, ARCDP2
Attention: Ms. Daisy T. Lopez-Zita
FAPSO Annex Building, DLR Compound
Elliptical Road, Diliman
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Position requirements:

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- Degree in social work or relevant field
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- Can conceptualize storyboards for video and animation sequences
- Can handle multiple animation requests
- Can work independently

SECRETARY

- Preferably Accounting or Management graduate
- Minimum 2 years work experience in same capacity
- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Proficient in MS Office Applications
- Can handle multiple priorities
- Can work under minimum supervision

TELEMARKETER

- Preferably a Marketing or Communications graduate
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Enough supply of rice assures NFA in Benguet

NATIONAL Food Authority Benguet provincial manager Rolando S. Rufo announced that there is sufficient supply of rice in the province of Benguet. Presently, a total of 86,559 bags of rice are stored at the NFA warehouses located at Loakan Road and PNR Compound in Baguio City. Likewise, the NFA in the province continue to receive rice imports from Vietnam and Thailand to augment the local inventory. The branch office has distributed a total of 129,090 bags of NFA rice in the province for the first semester of 2005. These are priced at P16 per kg for regular-milled rice (RMR) and P18 per kg for well-milled rice (WMR). Aside from the individual accredited retailers located inside and outside the major markets in Benguet, there are also Bigasan ni Pangulong Gloria sa Palengke (BGP) outlets to exclusively sell NFA rice. The availability of NFA rice in these outlets help stabilize the supply and prive of rice especially during the lean months of July to September. The branch office has also schedule the deployment of rolling stores in the various areas in Baguio City and Benguet. The rolling store delivers the rice purchases of accredited rice retailers from Baguio City and La Trinidad at reasonable rates.

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The International Finance Corporation, the private sector arm of the World Bank, has established the Assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (IFC-Asenso) in the Philippines. IFC-Asenso, with contributions from other bilateral and multi-lateral donors, will have offices in Manila and Davao, Mindanao. The program has a mandate to provide technical assistance to support the development of small and medium enterprises, particularly in Mindanao, initially in three key areas: access to finance, agribusiness linkages and business enabling environment.

The program is currently seeking a potential candidate for the following position:

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (MEO)

Based in Manila, the MEO will lead the development and implementation of IFC-Asenso's M&E system, i.e. collaborate with program teams to develop program logic models, implement indicator tracking and conduct evaluation surveys.

Qualifications and Position Requirements:

- Post graduate qualification in an appropriate discipline such as statistics or business
- Strong interpersonal skills and proven ability to build cooperative networks
- Experience in the monitoring and evaluation of donor funded technical assistance projects
- Experience of working on technical assistance projects with a strong private sector development, gender or environment focus would be an advantage
- High level written and oral presentation skills in English
- A willingness to travel extensively across the Philippines and to Indonesia

Candidates are invited to send resumes to asensohr@ifc.org not later than the close of business hours on August 29, 2005. All applications will be treated with strictest confidence. Women are encouraged to apply. Salary will be commensurate to qualification and experience. For corporate information, please visit www.ifc.org.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified

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CRS, a non-stock, non-profit international organization, is in need of a highly qualified individual for the position of:

SENIOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Senior ED Manager shall lead the implementation of the enterprise development component of the CRS Core Livelihood Program in Aceh, Indonesia. The person will be responsible for designing, managing and delivering high quality business development services (e.g., technology and skills assistance, training and other capacity-building interventions) with a focus on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in disaster-affected areas.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Business Management, Economics, Agribusiness, or other related disciplines. Masters degree preferred.
- At least ten years experience in enterprise development and management, or business development in the finance and banking sector with proven capacity to perform business feasibility analysis.
- Demonstrated ability in working with teams.
- Excellent verbal and written English communication skills. Knowledge of Bahasa language, an advantage.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and email communications.
- Committed to development work. Able to travel extensively in remote areas.

Interested individuals must submit an application letter, comprehensive resume with personal references via e-mail on or before August 27, 2005 to the two email addresses below:

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- Working knowledge in Windows Office Applications (Word, Excel & Powerpoint)
- Willing to travel

Comprehensive benefits and compensation package await successful candidates.

*Qualified applicants should send their comprehensive resumes to the following Email address: **mariz_jugal@abs.pinoycentral.com** or fax to # 4121530 not later than August 26, 2005.*

MSH
LEAD

The Local Enhancement and Development (LEAD) for Health Project, funded by the Unites States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH), aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning (FP) and selected health services (TB, HIV-AIDS and Vitamin A supplementation) and to improve the policies and financing for these services. The Project will seek to improve the capacity of the local government units (LGUs), particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for FP, TB, MCH, and HIV/AIDS.

The LEAD for Health Project is a three-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends September 30, 2006, There is a two 2-year optional extension periods.

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to function as Team Leader for Non-ARMM Mindanao.

TEAM LEADER FOR NON-ARMM MINDANAO

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Team Leader is responsible for the overall management of the Non-ARMM Mindanao Field Office specifically the Field Operations in Non-ARMM Mindanao areas and the Admin/Finance Support Unit. He/She exercises supervision over all personnel of the Non-ARMM Mindanao Field.

SPECIFIC TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Field Operations in Non-ARMM Mindanao Areas

1. Leads, manages, supervises, monitors and evaluates the implementation of the annual and quarterly project field operations work plans.
2. Leads, manages, supervises, monitors and evaluates the formulation and implementation of area-specific field operations plans, programs, strategies and activities that may be required or necessary for the successful implementation of the project work plan.
3. Coordinates/Facilitates collaboration with the project's technical and support units in the implementation of annual and quarterly project field operations work plans and field operations area-specific plans, programs, strategies and activities.
4. Regularly informs the Field Coordinators on all pertinent project technical, field operations and admin/finance updates.
5. Regularly updates the project on all significant field operations activities, accomplishments, issues and concerns in the ARMM and Non-ARMM areas.
6. Prepares regular monthly, quarterly, annual and other reports that project management or the Field Operations Manager may require.
7. Coordinates/Facilitates the establishment of partnerships with partners and clients in the field.
8. Oversees the execution of the working partnerships between the Field Coordinators and Service Implementing Organizations (SIOs).
9. Monitors and evaluates the achievement of project deliverables and targets and the impact of technical assistance provided to the clients in the field.
10. Manages, supervises, monitors and evaluates the performance of the Field Coordinators in the Non-ARMM Mindanao areas.

B. HR/Admin/Finance Office

1. Ensures the formulation and implementation of financial and administrative systems and procedures for organizational, resource, operational and administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Mindanao Field Office.
2. Ensures personnel adherence to project financial and administrative policies, guidelines and procedures.
3. Evaluates, validates and approves job and procurement requests and payments in accordance with project, MSH and USAID policies, guidelines and procedures.
4. Monitors, evaluates and validates the conduct and maintenance of regular inventory of project property and assets entrusted to the Mindanao Field Office.
5. Reviews and approves the process of contracting individuals or organizations for technical or administrative/financial purposes and reviews and recommends payment.
6. Reviews and approves travel requests and cash advances of personnel.
7. Reviews and approves liquidation of cash advances and requests for reimbursements.
8. Ensures the correctness and timely submissions of time sheets, reviews and approves requests for sick and vacation leaves, monitors and validates accumulation of compensatory time benefits and approves the application to use compensatory time.
9. Reviews and evaluates personnel performance and accomplishes individual staff performance plan and review (PPR).
10. Reviews, evaluates and validates the prepared monthly, quarterly, annual and other financial and administrative reports prior to submission to project management and/or the Finance/Admin Unit.
11. Ensures the regular preparation of monthly, quarterly, annual and other financial and administrative reports that project management or the Finance/Admin Unit may require.
12. Ensures the smooth transition towards admin/finance autonomy of the Mindanao Field Office and ensures the capacity and capability of the Mindanao Admin/Finance Office to effectively and efficiently implement it.

Desired Qualifications:

1. Graduate of a social, political or health related science course;
2. Has experience in implementing a health project/program related to FP, MCH, HIV-AIDS, TB control, Vitamin A supplementation and health sector reform;;
3. Has extensive experience in working with LGU's, civil society groups and private health service providers;
4. Political savvy and must be a team player
5. With skills in advocacy, training, community organizing and mobilization of BHWs
6. Has knowledge of the area preferably, comes from the area of operation or must have previous work experience in Mindanao
7. Must be adept in the use of MS windows software (e.g. Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.)

Interested individuals are requested to submit a Letter of Application stating the position applied for together with their resumé either by email or post not later than {2 wks after posting} through any of the following:

E-mail : hru@lead.org.ph
Mail : LEAD Project Human Resources Manager
Suite 1101 Ma. Natividad Building
470 T.M. Kalaw Avenue corner Cortada Street
Ermita, Manila
Fax : (632) 521-0950

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

The country's leading newspaper is looking for:

DESK EDITORS - South Luzon Bureau

Qualifications:

- College graduate preferebaly major in Journalism or Social Sciences course
- 3 years experience in newspaper journalism
- 1 year experience in editing stories and designing/layouting pages
- Knowledge of the ins and outs of the bureau assigned
- Nose for news, interpersonal management skills, leadership skills, editing, layouting, news evaluating, writing, budget management and finance & assets management skills

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for coordinating activities of news gathering in the business by determining priority and occasionally assigning coverage with the objective of assisting in achieving editorial excellence.

AUDITOR

Qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- At least 3 years auditing experience
- At least 1 year supervisory / management experience
- Knowledge of Gen. Accounting & Auditing Principles & Procedures
- Knowledge of Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing
- Knowledge of Financial Data Analysis, Taxation & Labor Laws
- Analytical Skills, Team Player
- Can promote & implement appropriate process improvements, leadership skills

Responsibilities:

- Performs audit procedure, organizes working papers and communicate reports based on results of audit examinations
- Responsible for assisting in identifying risk, evaluating controls and preparing audit plans/programs

CREDIT STAFF

Qualifications:

- College graduate with background in Finance or Accounting
- Preferably with office experience

Responsibilities:

- Assist the Credit Assistants in facilitating credit approval of all advertisements that includes ads through agencies, direct clients and others.

ACCOUNTING STAFF

Qualifications:

- College graduate major in Accounting
- 1 year experience in this job or other similar jobs
- Knowledge of basic accounting principles
- Knowledge of different entries in the check voucher
- Knowledge basic computer operation
- Accounting skills, Report Writing skills, Ability to prepare check, Interpersonal skills, Filing skills

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

- Graduate of Psychology or Behavioral Science
- At least 2 years experience in recruitment and selection
- Familiar with psychological tests
- Knows how to use office software
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Analytical Skills, Report Writing Skills

Responsibilities:

- To provide recruitment, selection and employment services and maintain an HR Information System

DESK EDITORS

Qualifications:

- College graduate major in Journalism or any Social Sciences course
- Must have 3 years experience in newspaper Journalism
- With at least 1 year experience in editing and designing/layouting pages

Responsibilities:

- Coordinates news gathering activities
- Edits stories and designs the layout of newspaper pages

CHANNEL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

- College graduate of any business course
- At least 1 year circulation/marketing experience in related field is an advantage
- Communication skills, Entrepreneurship, Partnering / Networking, Negotiation, Presentation and Project Management skills
- Knowledge in computer applications
- Familiar with and ability to travel across the Luzon provinces and its key cities

Send your application letter and comprehensive resumé or e-mail to:

HR MANAGEMENT SERVICES HEAD
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City
E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

Let the public be informed that

RAFAELITO G. MARTINEZ

is no longer connected with
San Miguel Purefoods Company, Inc.
effective September 03, 2004.
Any transaction entered into
by this person on behalf of
San Miguel Purefoods Company, Inc.
or any of its subsidiaries
and/or affiliates will not be honored
by the company.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that **MAECCA INTERNATIONALLE CORPORATION** with postal address at **#3 F. Castillo St., Brgy. Marilag, Proj. 4, Quezon City** has an application for license with POEA as a land-based agency.

The following are the Incorporators/Officers of the Corporation:

1.	Belinda D. Catacutan	Chairman
2.	Benito D. Catacutan, Jr.	President/CEO
3.	Benilda Catacutan/Yap	VP-Marketing & Treasurer
4.	Bernard D. Catacutan	VP-Operation
5.	Elvira D. Catacutan	VP-Internal Affairs

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

dti TRADE & INDUSTRY

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the application of TMC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION with office address at 117 Shaw Boulevard, Pasay City for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as E.O. 226, as Amended, as a Expanding Export Producer of Marble Slabs, Tiles and Novelty with a capacity of 37,250 sq.m. per year with project site at Barangay May-iba, Teresa, Rizal Region IV has been officially accepted on August 17, 2005 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection, in writing under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

Issued this 17th day of August 2005.

(Sgd.) RUDY B. CAÑA
Officer-in-Charge
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

(PDI-August 21, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM
Provincial Land Reform Office
San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehension Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	DATE OCULAR INSPECTION
1. Benita Tadem (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	P-9968	1921,Pls-43	8.0642	9 / 13 / 2005
2. Juan Gabaton (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	P-6686	3157,Pls-43	9.3680	9 / 13 / 2005
3. Benedicto Funciou (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	T-4513	3198,Pls-43	8.0915	9 / 13 / 2005
4. Gervacio Sobere (NAIDCOR)	Aurora, Prosperidad	(P-6037) P-4349	3230,Pls-43	9.2007	9 / 13 / 2005
5. Teolimo Boctot (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9067	1882,Pls-43	12.2306	9 / 14 / 2005
6. Jose Centino (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-2289	1899,Pls-43	11.0485	9 / 14 / 2005
7. Vicente Magsaysay (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9900	1900,Pls-43	7.6267	9 / 14 / 2005
8. Exequil Magsaysay (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-1593	1902,Pls-43	9.3469	9 / 14 / 2005
9. Aparicio Gavino (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	P-9370	2926,Pls-43	20.2048	9 / 14 / 2005
10. Teofilo Corton (NAIDCOR)	Los Arcos, Prosperidad	T-4480	3066,Pls-43	7.4217	9 / 14 / 2005
11. Esmeralda Gonzaga (NAIDCOR)	New Maug, Prosperidad	T-3320	2618,Pls-43	6.3035	9 / 15 / 2005
12. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-7868) P-5676	2935,Pls-43	4.8962	9 / 15 / 2005
13. Aurorita Aguillon (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	T-2366	2935,Pls-43	6.2696	9 / 15 / 2005
14. Alfredo Salinas (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	P-6409	2974,Pls-43	3.5792	9 / 15 / 2005
15. Benito Manatad (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	P-5636	679,Pls-43	2.9814	9 / 15 / 2005
16. Leopoldo Bustaliño (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-6070) P-4346	690,Pls-43	5.4140	9 / 15 / 2005
17. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(P-7867) P-5675	729,Pls-43	10.0036	9 / 15 / 2005
18. Pastor Sabroso (NAIDCOR)	San Salvador, Prosperidad	(T-1264) T-949	777,Pls-43	7.2518	9 / 15 / 2005
19. Fulgencio Casas	Mahayahay, Sibagat	(T-226) 160	21,Pls-431	9.4106	09/16/2005
20. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7643	154,GSS-1000	1.6253	9 / 20 / 2005
21. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7643	153,GSS-1000	2.0211	9 / 20 / 2005
22. Bedendino Vidal (RB-San Francisco)	Salvacion, Prosperidad	P-6344	2462,Pls-43	6.2453	9 / 20 / 2005
23. Felipe Pasag (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Irene, Prosperidad	T-5816	15,GSS-1000	12.2863	09/21-23/2005
24. Eleonor Saniel (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9627	134,GSS-1000	6.7099	09/21-23 /2005
25. Elenor Saniel (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9826	135,GSS-1000	9.9417	9 / 21-23 / 2005
26. Anatolio Lima (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9216	137,GSS-1000	9.4068	9 / 21-23 / 2005
27. Gerarda Tejero (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7677	138,GSS-1000	8.0000	9 / 21-23 / 2005
28. Gerard Tejero (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7641	139,GSS-1003	6.2500	9 / 21-23 / 2005
29. Ines Alcantara (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-4656	14,GSS-1003	2.9455	9 / 21-23 / 2005
30. Mauricia Martino (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-6648	142,GSS-1000	8.7575	9 / 21-23 / 2005
31. Jose Fiedacan (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9394	146,Pls-43	3.5384	9 / 21-23 / 2005
32. Amado Urbiztondo (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7873	148,GSS-1000	7.8733	9 / 21-23 / 20059
33. Tarciana Flores (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-8396	157,GSS-1000	2.5228	9 / 21-23 / 2005
34. Perla Quilla (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7590	164,GSS-1003	10.3154	9 / 21-23 / 2005
35. Dominador Fernandez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7650	17,GSS-1003	7.5867	9 / 21-23 / 2005
36. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7622	174,GSS-1000	6.9893	9 / 21-23 / 2005
37. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7568	175,GSS-1000	9.5902	9 / 21-23 / 2005
38. Lucresia Gustillo (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7575	177,GSS-1000	1.9435	9 / 21-23 / 2005
39. Leopoldo Castaneras (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-4918	23,GSS-1000	2.5903	9 / 21-23 / 2005
40. Francisco Racho (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7616	3,GSS-1000	9.3002	9 / 21-23 / 20059
41. Rodolfo Merin (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-7570	31,GSS-1000	2.6335	9 / 21-23 / 2005
42. Porferio Jumuad (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	P-9444	32,GSS-1000	5.4608	9 / 21-23 / 2005
43. Tomas Rosalda (NAIDCOR)	Sta. Maria, Prosperidad	T-1362	675,Pls-43	3.1389	9 / 21-23 / 2005
TOTAL				306.3862	

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authroized representative to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we hall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we receive the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

(PDI – Aug. 14, 21 & 28, 2005)

DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
Republic of the Philippines
Point of Sales System Software Project
Design and Development of Highly Customized
POS System Software

1. **DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES (DFP)**, a sector of the Philippine Tourism Authority, through the **Corporate Budget of DFP, 2005** intends to apply the sum of **Six Million Pesos (PhP6,000,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for **POS System-Software Project**.
2. Prospective bidders must submit their **Letters of Intent (LOIs) from August 15 to August 29, 2005, 9:00A.M. to 5:00P.M. at the Purchasing Department, GF EHA Building, Duty Free Philippines, Fiestamall, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City**, and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom for an amount of One Hundred Pesos (PhP100.00). Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. Submission and Opening of Eligibility Documents shall be on: **September 8 , 2005, 10:00A.M. at the Executive Lounge, 3F EHA Building, Duty Free Philippines, Fiestamall, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City.** The following criteria will be used for determining eligibility:
   - I. The prospective bidder must have a Relational Database and GUI Based-POS System Software that is:
     - A. running for a minimum of two (2) years in at least one (1) local reputable retail establishment with:
       - 1. similar operations as DFP (Dept./Specialty Store, Hyper-mart, Supermarket, Specialty Store)
       - 2. at least one (1) branch having a minimum of:
         - a. One Million (1M) number of transactions per year
         - b. 12 active and connected POS terminals
         - c. One Hundred Thousand (100,000) active SKUs or items
     - B. duly accredited by BIR
     - C. duly copyrighted. (if the bidder is not the owner of the software, the bidder should also submit the "right to sell/distribute/modify" issued by the copyright-owner)
   - II. The prospective bidder must have a local office
   - III. The prospective bidder must have a competent JDA-MMS Integrator;
3. The BAC shall draw up the short list of consultants from those who have submitted *LOIs* and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisons of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A). The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of five (5) consultants. The criteria and rating system for short listing are:

I.	**Applicable experience in providing POS software solutions**	**40%**
II.	**Qualification of key personnel who may be assigned to perform the required task**	**45%**
III.	**Support services relative to their ability to sustain the current and pending workload or projects (Organizational Chart)**	**15%**

4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to Filipino citizens or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A 9184, only bids from short listed consultants will be opened and the contract will only be awarded to the Highest Rated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.

   The PROCURING ENTITY shall evaluate bids using the Quality-Cost Based Evaluation/Selection (QCBE/QCBS) procedure. The criteria and rating system for the evaluation of bids shall be provided in the Instructions to Bidders.
5. **The contract shall be completed within 180 working days from the time notice to proceed has been issued.**
6. The Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders

(Sgd.) MA. LOURDES D. VELARDE
BAC Chairman

(PDI - August 14 & 21, 2005)

De La Salle University
Manila
College of Science

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

A. De La Salle University - Manila hereby invites all interested parties to pre-qualify for the bidding to supply, deliver, install and commission:

One (1) Unit of Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer.

B. A list of the required technical specifications can be obtained from the Chemistry Department, DLSU, 2401 Taft Avenue, Manila, Tel. No. 524-4611 loc. 430; Telefax: 536-0230. NOTE: Only pre-qualified bidders will be issued the invitation to bid documents and be allowed to participate in the bidding. Only exclusive distributors, authorized resellers/dealers will be allowed to participate in the bidding.

C. Deadline for submission: September 9, 2005.

D. Bidding schedule shall be announced to all pre-qualified bidders.

E. De La Salle University reserves the right to review the qualifications of a selected bidder, subject to technical, financial and production criteria, reject any or all bids, waive any formality or defect therein and accept the offer considered most advantageous to the university.

F. For further particulars, please inquire from the Laboratory Supervisor, anytime during office hours at the above-mentioned address.

*** Funding for the acquisition of this instrument is part of the Commission on Higher Education's Development Support for Centers of Excellence in Science and Mathematics.**

(Sgd.) Mrs. Julita C. Robles
Laboratory Supervisor

(PDI - August 21, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education (DepED)
SECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEDIP)
National Project Management Office (NPMO)
5th Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City
Telephone Nos. 635-98-22; 631-0673; Telefax No. 635-9826

DepED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date August 18, 2005
Loan No. 1654 PHI: Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP)
IFB No. SEDIP-2005-OE-ADB

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepED) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards financing the cost of the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of various office equipment.
2. The DepED through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Various Office Equipment as follows:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Recipient Institutions
1	Laptop Computers	10 units	SEDIP-NPMO, 5th Floor, Bonifacio Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue Pasig City
2	Laptop Printers	10 units	
3	Desktop Computers	19 units	
4	Color Printers	5 units	
5	Plain Paper Copier	1 unit	
6	LCD Projectors with Document Cameras	3 units	
7	Duplicating Machine	1 unit	
8	Computer Servers	3 units	
9	Overhead Projectors	500 units	Selected Secondary Schools for 15 SEDIP Divisions

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid forms and inspect the bidding documents at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. No. 636-6543 or visit DepED Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph or the DBM Procurement Service Website at http://www.procurementservice.org.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting August 29, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00).
5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two percent (2%) of the total bid amount and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before 10.00 a.m., September 30, 2005 and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines.
6. Prior to the bid opening a pre-bid conference will be held on September 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. and at the address indicated on paragraph 5.
7. The DepED reserves the right to accept and reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process at any time prior to award of Contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidders and to waive any minor informality or non-conformity in a bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver will not prejudice or affect competitive ranking of any bid.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - August 21 & 28, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
ARMM SOCIAL FUND PROJECT
Regional Strategic Infrastructure (SRI) Component:
Loan No. 7153PH

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the World Bank toward the cost of ARMM Social Fund Project (ASFP), and it intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the contract for Regional Strategic Infrastructure (SRI) Component;
2. The *ARMM Social Fund Project* now invites sealed Bids from interested Bidders for the following subprojects:
   - A) Subproject Title: *Rehabilitation and Improvement of Jolo Base Port*
     Subproject code: *SRI-SUL-RPF-001*
     Location: *Barangay Poblacion, Jolo, Sulu.*
     Completion of the works required. *222 Calendar days.*
   - B) Subproject Title: *Construction of Provincial Manpower Development Center*
     Subproject Code: *SRI-MAR-EMD-001*
     Location: *Barrio of Gadongan, Marawi City*
     Completion of the works required: *296 Calendar days.*
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification;
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from *ASFP-Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)* and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *8:00 AM to 5:00PM on August 22 to September 5, 2005;*
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of *Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PH3,500.00).* The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before *8.00AM to 5.00PM on August 22 to September 5, 2005;*
6. The *ASF-BAC* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Bidders at 10:00 AM *on September 6, 2005 at 4th floor CYMCI Building (LandBank), Don Rufino Alonzo Street*, *Cotabato City;*
7. Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before *September 26, 2005.* All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of *Cash, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check or Bank Guarantee in an amount of 2.5% of his total bid price* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on *September 26, 2005 at 10:00 AM at, 4th floor CYM Building (LandBank), Don Rufino Alonzo Street, Cotabato City* Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at *10:00 AM on September 26, 2005;*
8. The *ARMM Social Fund Project-Bids and Awards Committee (ASF-BAC)* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

ARMM Social Fund Project
NAZRULLAH B. MANZUR
4th Floor CYM Building (LandBank), Don Rufino Alonzo Street, Cotabato City
Tele-Fax (064) 421-1128
E-mail asfp@pldtdsl.net
Website: asfp.org.ph

(SGD) Dir. GUIALOSON A. MAMOGKAT
BAC Chairman

(PDI - August 21, 2005

Philippine International Trading Corporation
PITC

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTATION OF SPECIAL RICE VARIETIES

The Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) invites all interested Farmers Group (FG) / Private Rice Traders with valid and updated NFA License to Import to submit Letters of Intent (LOIs) on or before 09 September 2005 for the importation of 15,000 MT Glutinous and Special Rice Varieties in bags.

Minimum volume to be allocated per qualified participant shall be 500 MT not to exceed 1,000 MT. Should the total quantity received from LOIs submitted exceed 15,000 MT, the allocation per importer shall be adjusted in a pro-rata basis.

The Terms of Reference and Guidelines/Mechanics will be available for issuance during office hours starting 15 August 2005 weekdays only from Commodities Department at the 10th Floor NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City and with telephone nos. 892-1560, 892-1627, and 818-9801 locals 349, 393 and 420.

(Sgd.) **MARIO M. LEYGO**
Vice President

(PDI--Aug 14 & 21, 2005)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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THE MANAGEMENT

(PDI-August 21, 2005)

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4. **Effective interpersonal skills in dealing with different levels of people**
5. **Male, preferably single between 23 to 35 years old**
6. **Preferably with valid driver's license restriction code 1 & 2**

Qualified applicants should send their comprehensive resumé with transcript of records & 2x2 color ID picture to:

**HR Department
Box QC 2005-51
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F St. Anthony's Bldg. 891 Aurora Blvd.
cor. Oxford St., Cubao, Quezon City 1109
E-mail: megaslou@pldtdsl.net**

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID # 2005-16

The **PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION Bids & Awards Committee (PITC-BAC)** invites PITC accredited pharma suppliers and local manufacturers, traders, wholesalers and distributors of pharmaceutical products who can meet the following minimum requirements for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of various locally manufactured or sourced medicines:

- In the Pharmaceutical business for at least three (3) years and still in operation
- With Stockholders' Equity or Capital Account of at least P3 Million as of December 31, 2004
- Must have valid License to Operate (LTO) issued by the Bureau of Food & Drugs (BFAD) as Drug Manufacturer/Trader/Distributor/Wholesaler
- Must have valid Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) issued by BFAD for each product offered
- If a distributor, must submit Certificate(s) of Exclusive Distributorship/Authority to Sell issued by the manufacturer, owner or trader for the specific products offered.

Estimated budget is **THREE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS** (P300 Million).

Bid documents will be available for issuance during office hours, weekdays only, starting August 23, 2005 until September 5, 2005, from the BAC Secretariat c/o Mrs. Helen R. Muncal at the 4th Floor of the NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas St. Salcedo Village, Makati City after payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00). However, Pharmaceutical suppliers without a Certificate of Accreditation from PITC must first purchase Accreditation forms from PITC by paying a non-refundable fee of five hundred pesos (P500.00) and comply with the requirements for accreditation prior to purchase of bid documents.

A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled on September 06, 2005 at 10:00AM at the Penthouse of NDC Building. Bidders may submit their query/ies, if any, in writing to the BAC Secretariat through Fax Nos. 892-2021/892-2054 not later than three (3) working days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Only bid documents of bidders who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on September 20, 2005 at 9:00 AM, Penthouse, NDC Building.

The particulars relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

PITC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a failure of bidding, waive any defects or informalities therein and/or accept the offer/s most advantageous and beneficial to the government. Further, the PITC assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the prospective bidders for any expenses incurred in the processing of their eligibility to bid and/or in the preparation of the bid.

**(SGD) MARLENE R. LOPEZ
Chair, Bids & Awards Committee**

(PDI--Aug. 21 & 2? 2005)

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
(Re-bid)

The DepED-Bids and Awards Committee (DepED-BAC) invites eligible bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid on the following services:

Package/Description	Approved Budget for the Contract	Date/Time		Price of Bidding Documents (non-refundable)	End-user
		Pre-Bid Conference	Submission Deadline/ Opening of Bids		
Supply of Services for Security at DepED Central Office, EDPITAF and IMCS for CY 2005-2006	Php 14,071,200.00	Aug. 25, 2005 10:00 AM	Sept. 6, 2005 10.00 AM	Php 5,000.00	GSD - Security Service Unit
Supply of Services for Ground Maintenance at DepED Central Office	Php 2,219,085.00	Aug. 25, 2005 2:00 PM	Sept. 6, 2005 2:00 PM	Php 1,500.00	General Services Division (GSD)

The Bidding Documents shall be available at the Procurement Service, BAC Secretariat, Room 508, 5th Flr., Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, starting on August 17, 2005 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above.

The Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at Buhangin ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

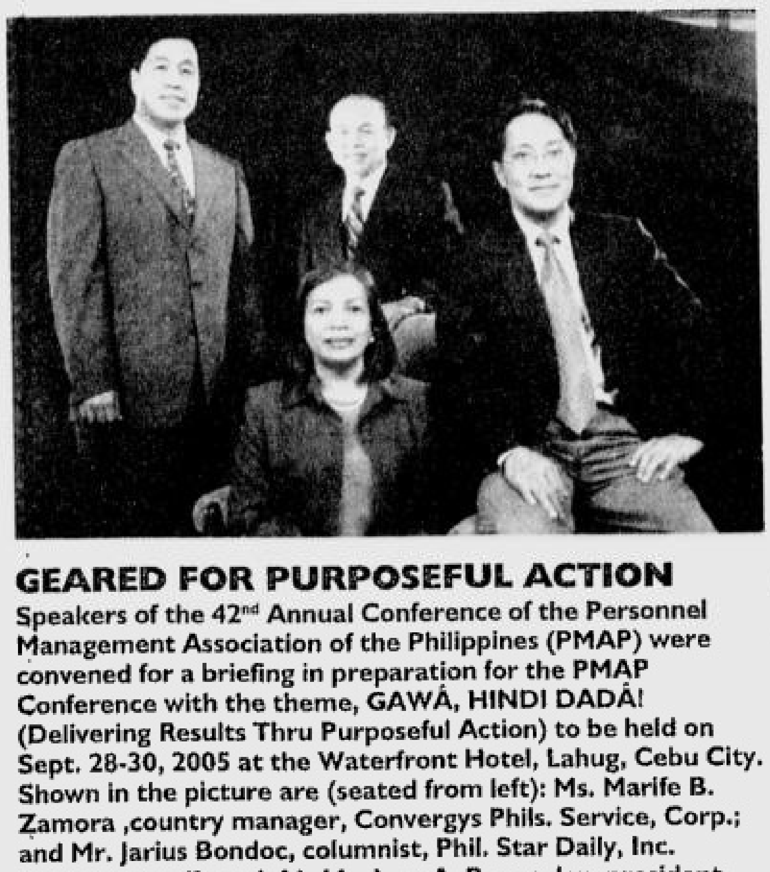
The bidders shall submit their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

Bidding shall be conducted in accordance with procedure under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org or call DepED-PS at Telephone No. 636-6543 or Fax No. 636-6542.

DepED-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, or declare failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected parties.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary and BAC Chairman

(PDI - Aug. 14 & 21, 2005)



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Speakers of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) were convened for a briefing in preparation for the PMAP Conference with the theme, GAWÂ, HINDI DADÂ! (Delivering Results Thru Purposeful Action) to be held on Sept. 28-30, 2005 at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City. Shown in the picture are (seated from left): Ms. Marife B. Zamora ,country manager, Convergys Phils. Service, Corp.; and Mr. Jarius Bondoc, columnist, Phil. Star Daily, Inc. Standing are (from left): Mr. Joey A. Bermudez, president, Chinatrust (Phils.) Commercial Bank Corp.; and Atty. Eliseo P. Dizon, president & CEO, World Class Financial.

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National Transmission Corporation

Section I. Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Two (2) Year Service contract for the Supply of Labor including Supervision necessary to Operate and Maintain the Building 2 (NCC) and Building 3 (LSO & MSG) Centralized Air-Conditioning and Ventilating System

[Reference No.: PB050721-RM0077]

1 The *NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, Head Office Region* (TRANSCO-HO) through the *2005 Corporate Budget approved by the TransCo Board* intends to apply the sum of Php4,084,800.00 being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for PR No. SCD-05-0010268 **Two (2) Year Service contract for the Supply of Labor including Supervision necessary to Operate and Maintain the Building 2 (NCC) and Building 3 (LSO & MSG) Centralized Air-Conditoning and Ventilating System.** Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid Opening.

2. The TRANSCO-HO now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for **Two (2) Year Service contract for the Supply of Labor including Supervision necessary to Operate and Maintain the Building 2 (NCC) and Building 3 (LSO & MSG) Centralized Air-Conditioning and Ventilating System.** Delivery of the GOODS is required *as listed below.* The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/ sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsivess of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualificaiton procedure.

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from the address below from August 15, 2005 to September 12, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of *Php1,000.00.* The method of payment will be *Cash.* The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

5. The *TRANSCO-HO* will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on *August 30, 2005/10:00 A.M at the address below.*

6 Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before *September 13, 2005/1:30 P.M.* All Bids must be accopanied by a Bid security in the form of *CASH* and in the amount of Php40,848.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

7. Bid opening shall be on *September 13, 2005/1:30 PM* at the *Admin Conference Room* same address below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

8. The *National Transmission Corporation* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

*National Transmission Corporation, Head Office Region
Mr. Armando N. Ochoa, BAC Chairman
MMD Office, G/F TransCo Main Bldg.
NPC-OBC, BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No. (632) 9812206 / Fax No. (632) 9228432
Website: www.transco.ph*

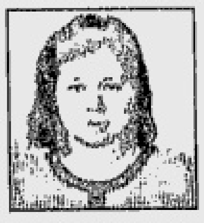
(Sgd.) **ARMANDO N. OCHOA**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Aug. 21, 2005)

PHILAM LIFE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT MRS. JOSEPHINE E. CABRERA WHOSE PICTURE AND ADDRESS APPEAR BELOW HAS CEASED TO REPRESENT THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN LIFE AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY IN ANY CAPACITY WHATSOEVER IN VIEW OF THE EXPIRATION OF HER AGENCY CONTRACT LAST JUNE 30, 2003.



MRS. JOSEPHINE E. CABRERA
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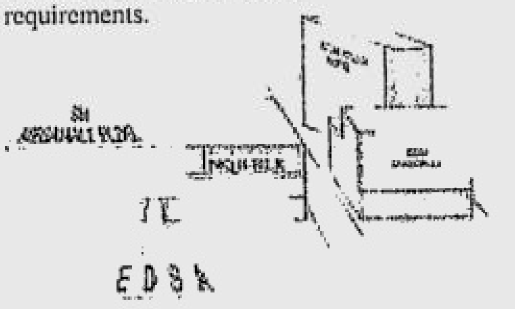

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The Tasks

Provides central management and oversight of the technical assistance package to identified LGUs under a sub-contract arrangement with the Management Sciences for Health (MSH). Implements MSH issued Task Orders. Prepares central reports and attends the central meeting with MSH.

Technical assistance package covers the conduct of a series of training on specific skills and competencies, conduct of operations research and/or special studies; organization and facilitation of LGU workshops, conferences and similar fora; and introduction of effective and innovative resource mobilization and service improvement strategies at the LGU level. Core programs covered by the technical assistance package include: Family Planning, TB-DOTS, HIV Aids, and Vitamin A Supplementation. Program Components cover: Governance and Management, Financing and access to quality health services.

The Requirements

Interested applicants should be a college degree holder in any related course, preferably with Masters degree or its equivalent in any Health-related field. He/she must have at least 5 years related experience in a managerial level with proven track record in managing medium-scale projects, notably USAID funded projects. He/she must possess strong program management skills, have minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area, and have good interpersonal skills.

DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The Tasks

Provides assistance to the Project Director in managing all technical activities required by the Task Orders and of the Project as a whole. Supervises the efficient implementation and discharge of administrative functions relative to the Project. Provides technical assistance services to the LGUs where and when appropriate.

The Requirements

Interested applicants should be a college degree holder in Nursing, Public Health or any Health-related course. He/she must have at least 3 years related experience in project development and implementation with ample knowledge in any of these areas: LGU fiscal management & health systems, public health with emphasis on management of Tuberculosis & HIV/AIDS, Reproductive Health or Family Planning programs. He/she must possess strong managerial skills, have minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area, and have good interpersonal skills.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Tasks

Provides and ensures timely administrative and financial support for the efficient implementation of TC-LEAD's work plan.

The Requirements

Interested applicants should be a college degree holder in Accounting or in any related course, preferably a Certified Public Accountant or with MBA units. He/she must have at least 2 years supervisory experience in audit, human resource management and finance management in a similar organization. He/she must possess ample knowledge in MS Office applications, have minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area, and have good interpersonal skills.

PROGRAM OFFICER

The Tasks

Provides technical assistance and administrative backstopping to the Technical Assistance Projects.

The Requirements

Interested applicants should be a college degree holder of Social Science or any Human Resource-related course. He/she must have at least 5 years experience in handling internationally funded projects with background in training design and implementation. He/she must possess minimum proficiency in any dialect(s) within his/her coverage area and have good technical writing and interpersonal skills.

Please forward your resume and transcript of records on or before 31 August 2005 to:

THE HRD MANAGER
Philippine Business for Social Progress
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Tel.: 527-7741 to 51 • Fax: 527-3743
Email: hrd@pbsp.org.ph • Website: www.pbsp.org.ph

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South Luzon Operations and Maintenance
Tel. No.: (02) 5206776, (02) 9814595/9814539/9814576/9814577/9814578 LOC. 4002;
(049) 4114500 LOC. 4002

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2005-09A

The National Transmission Corporation, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder requirements:

PR NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
CAV-05-320	EMERGENCY SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POLE, WOOD, CREOSOTED, PRESSURE TREATED, 65 FT, FIBER STRESS-14, 500 PSI	50 PCS	P 3,000,000.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last 2 years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed items for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete shedule of activities is as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	August 22-Sept. 05, 2005
2. Pre-bid Conference	August 24, 2005 9.00 AM
3. Opening of Bids	September 06, 2005 1:30 PM

Bid Documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher, per bidding schedule to the National Transmission Corporation Cashier. Complete set of Bid Documents may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat/MMS, Administration Division, SLO&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna.

The National Transmission Corporation assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid

The National Transmission Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality or defect therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

TRANSCO-South Luzon's other requirements are posted at the DBM Website: www.procurementservice.net

(SGD) R.B. VERGARA
Chairman, BAC

(PDI - AUGUST 21, 2005)

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Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Philippines MCPO Box 2102 Tel. No. 893-6001/1320

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

**2006 ANNUAL CONTRACT ON RENTAL OF VARIOUS HEAVY AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR LEYTE GEOTHERMAL PRODUCTION FIELD (LGPF)
(ON-CALL PRIORITY BASIS) EDC 05-065**

The Approved Budget is P103,868,300.00 chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is one (1) year. The ceiling rates shall be based on the prevailing ACEL guidebook.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o Nermie P. Caling) starting **August 10, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: One Thousand (Php1,000.00).

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **August 25, 2005, 10:00 AM at PNOC-EDC/Leyte Geothermal Production Field Admin Office, Admin Complex, Tongonan Leyte.**

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor, Building 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, **not later than 2:00 p.m. on September 06, 2005** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

BAC CHAIRMAN

(PDI-August 21, 2005)

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THELMA RADAZA DOMINE

Died in the Grace of our Lord in Parañaque, Philippines, on August 19, 2005 at the age of 69.

She is survived by her husband **Hoover Rosales Domine**; children **Sunshine, Alejandro, Paul, Claire, Tata, John**; grandchildren **Abigail, Nina, Ahbleza, Christine, Khalela, Gabriel, Michael, Gian & Isiah**; siblings **Necita, Ignacio Jr., Perla, Claudio, Oscar, Amado & Alfredo**; sisters-in-law **Clarita & Lucia**, friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park)

Interment will take place on the 25th of August 2005 at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, 3:00 p.m. after the 1:30 p.m. Mass

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Her beloved sisters and brothers: **REMEDIOS** (†) and **Ricardo Lumanlan** (†), **DELFIN** (†) and **Priscilla Laxamana** (†), **SOCORRO** (†) and **Dr. Teodoro Castro** (†), **LEOPOLDO, SR.** (†) and **Feliciana Tayag**, **ALFREDO** (†), **FILOTEA**, **LIDUVINA** and **Generoso Acosta** (†); nephews, nieces and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 4, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at the St. James Church, Columbarium, Ayala Alabang Village, Alabang, Muntinlupa City after the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.

"Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." *(John 3:15)*

**Our dearest Mama Miniang
is now very happy
in the House of the Lord.**

**We wish to express
our profound gratitude
for your show of kindness
and compassion during
our time of loss and grief.**

**Thank you for keeping us in
your thoughts and prayers.**

Sincerely,

The family of the late

Herminia Dabu Soriano

(April 25, 1918-August 3, 2005)

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*We lovingly remember
Our dearly beloved*

JOSE DIMAANO LAIG

(† August 22, 2004)

On his FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

*Holy Mass is being offered on
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the following churches:*

St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Church
Magallanes Village, Makati City
Sanctuario de San Antonio
Barangay Forbes Park, Makati City
St. John Bosco
Makati City
Sto. Niño de Paz Chapel
Greenbelt, Makati City
Colegio San Agustin Chapel
Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
St. Martin de Porres Parish
United Hills Village, Parañaque City
Santuario Del Santo Cristo Parish
Blumentritt San Juan – 6:00 a.m. & 7:00 a.m. Masses

We, his family, sincerely thank our relatives, friends and readers for remembering him kindly in prayer.

**In Loving Memory
on the occasion of the
2nd Death Anniversary**

EARL KNOWLES WILKINSON

15 March 1927-21 August 2003

His family request relatives, friends, and pious readers to please remember him in their prayers.

"Let the words of my mouth meet your Favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock, my redeemer..." — Psalm 21:15

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THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
Bids and Awards Committee
Leyte Division Office**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

August 21, 2005

To All **Qualified Bidders:**

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) towards the cost of financing the third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *guidelines: Procurement under JBIC Loan (November 1987) and IDA Credits.*
2. The Division Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of the Leyte Division and its implementing partners, Department of Education ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following projects:

Package No.	Project Title	Municipality	Name of School
LYT – 026-015-0413	Const. of One (1) Unit – Six (6) Classroom Two-Storey TEEP School Building	Dulag	Dulag SPED Center
LYT – 062-003-0414	Const. of One (1) Unit – Six (6) Classroom Two-Storey TEEP School Building	Villaba	Villaba South CS

Interested local contractors should be accredited by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) and must be at least **"Small Sub-category B"**. Interested Foreign contractors must submit evidence in the English Language, to show that they are duly established and reputable contractors in their country.

3. Bidding documents maybe purchased at the DepEd Leyte Division, TEEP SBP Office with the address at Leyte Division Office Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte from **August 22 to September 19, 2005** for a nonrefundable fee of **Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00)** for each set. A Pre-bid conference will be held at the same address on September 7, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount 2.5% of total bid price, and shall be delivered to Division's Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education – Division Office of Leyte, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte on or before 10:00 AM on **September 20, 2005** at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

(Sgd.) AURORA AQUINO – VILLARENTE, CESO VI
Chairperson
Division Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - August 21, 2005)

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This is to inform the public that **MR. SANTIAGO "JACK" A. UBEDA** is no longer connected with **CORPORATEGIFTS.COM.PH** effective **May 26, 2005.** Any transaction entered into by him in behalf of the company shall not be honored anymore.

(PDI – Aug 21, 2005)

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A TOTAL of 493,323 bags of rice have been distributed by the National Food Authority through its 1,510 accredited rice markets outlets and five rolling stores in San Juan, La Union. This was disclosed by NFA regional director Joseph Y. Dela Cruz adding that this is in line with NFA's aim to stabilize the price and supply of rice in the market. The market outlets of rice are composed of 142 Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP), 743 individual retailers inside markets, 580 retailers outside markets, 5 rolling stores and 45 farmers organizations (FOs/MPCs) in the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Eastern Pangasinan, and Western Pangasinan. Director Dela Cruz informed that the total volume of rice distributed in the market are as follows: Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke - 143,405 bags at 29 percent, retailers indside markets 217,300 bags at 44 percent; retailers outside markets 124,299 bags at 25 percent and rolling stores - 8,228 bags at percent. Regular milled rice (RMR) is sold at P16 per kg while well-milled rice (WMR) is priced at P18 per kg. Meanwhile, palengke watch teams were reactivated by the different provincial offices to conduct intensified monitoring activities to ensure that NFA rice stocks are distributed at the prescribed prices.

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NFA buys corn in North Cotabato

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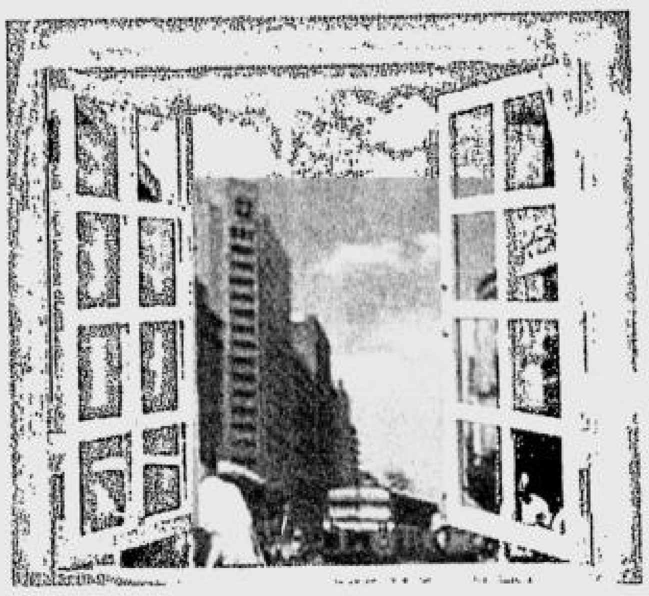

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Up Close with Rotary International president-elect William Boyd

IT WAS on Feb. 23, 1905 the day Paul Harris founded Rotary. Right there and then, it has grown into a premier service institution. With members worldwide, this organization has done its share to better lives of the less fortunate. This Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, 10 p.m. over IBC 13, Marissa del Mar will get Up Close and Personal with Rotary International president-elect (2005-2006) William "Bill" Boyd who just recently visited the country as the guest of honor and speaker of the Rotary Community Corps Conference. Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is one of the programs of the Rotary's panoply of worldwide service activities and projects. RCC is a group of non-Rotarian men and women share Rotarian commitment to service and creating a better world for all. Get to know more about president-elect William "Bill" Boyd what makes him stays through his 30 years of service as a Rotarian and his views in his upcoming position as the Rotary International president, only in an exclusive interview on Up Close and Personal with Marissa del Mar, produced by Millicent Productions, Inc.

Ms. Marissa del Mar (left) together with Mrs. Lorna Boyd, Rotary International President Elect William 'Bill' Boyd

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FINANCE Secretary Margarito Teves (center) is shown receiving the ceremonial check of P560 million from Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Chair Vitaliano N. Nanagas II (left) and DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Reynaldo G. David during simple ceremonies held last Aug. 19 in Makati City. The amount is in addition to the P1 billion already advanced by the state-owned bank to the national government last month representing DBP's cash dividends for 2005. The additional P560 million will be remitted commencing Aug. 26. In effect, DBP is turning over P1.56 billion to the government which is an indication of the bank's immediate favorable past performance and a preview of its ability to meet the set targets for the rest of the year.

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Treading the path of consumers

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

WHEN then PSBank president Arthur Ty was about to take the vice chair post of the bank, he handpicked his successor.

He chose Pascual M. Garcia III who used to be the head of DBS Bank (later bought by BPI).

Tito Garcia is a simple man who grew up in Zamboanga where the family moved to from Davao after his father passed away when he was only eight years old. His mother had to raise her eight children by herself.

Arthur chose Tito to continue the consumer-oriented thrust Ty had laid for PSBank during his term as the bank's president.

The consumer lending arm of the Metrobank group may not be the biggest savings bank in the country but it's treading the right track.

A consumer survey conducted by a competitor showed PSBank was ahead in terms of quality of service.

Tito attributes a lot of the success of the bank to the groundwork and policies set by Arthur.

A SURVEY commissioned by a competitor showed PSBank provide better service.

"The benefit of having Arthur is he is trained and educated in the Western environment with an appreciation of the basic business concepts," he says of his young boss.

Only 38 years old, Arthur is set to take over the presidency of Metrobank, the universal bank of taipan (and his father) George S.K. Ty.

"Young as he is, he is technology-oriented. We have home grown technology support and our loan structure is fully automated," says Garcia.

He explains that their consumer loans are on line and real time. "We advise you by SMS when we have encoded your application in the system. We also advise you by SMS if we have approved or disapproved your application."

Catering to SMEs

While Metrobank caters to the large corporate accounts, PSBank positioned itself to answer the needs of smaller businesses and households.

Tito compares the bank to a Jollibee where the earnings per consumer may not be as big as the fancy restaurants but the volume of people who go to Jollibee outlets provide very good revenues.

Over the years and with continuous expansion outside Metro Manila, the bank was able to cater to a growing number of small businesses.

PSBank is one of the few banks which has successfully exceeded the banking requirement to lend a minimum percentage of their loan portfolio to agri-agra (agriculture based and agrarian reform beneficiaries) which includes small businesses.

"We have not broadcast our SME businesses a lot but the nature of our set up is we are a thrift bank with a very wide network—wide in the provinces," explains Tito.

Savings banks are more welcome in many provinces because of the perception that they are friendlier to smaller borrowers unlike the bigger banks which prefer the larger firms. PSBank has the advantage of capturing the smaller borrowers who go to Metrobank and are referred to PSBank.

Tito notes that their SME loan portfolio has been expanding in the provinces. Borrowers usually set up hardware stores, garments, production of local goods, sari-sari stores.

But PSBank will continue to expand its branch network to 200 (from 150) in less than 10 years. Consumer loans will remain the focus. PSBank recently launched its MasterCard which targets households. The bank made the credit card's features suited to the needs.

Tito's consumer banking experience started with FNCB (the predecessor of Citibank) when it opened a branch in Zamboanga

After finishing college at the Ateneo de Zamboanga, Tito says it took him six months to find work.

This was in the '70s. During the next few years he was assigned in Cebu and Davao and eventually Manila. He wanted to go to Manila because he wanted to pursue law and be like his father. But that dream was not meant to be.

He was eventually absorbed in Citibank and it was here where he was exposed to the importance of quality of service.

He was often sent for training abroad. One conference which had the biggest impact was held in LA where top executives of major companies known for their service gave talks.

Tito says he could not forget Fed Ex which described their vision of knowing where a package is at any given time and when it will reach its destination. The speaker talked of technology that was non-existent in the Philippines then.

"They disproved that the fastest way from one point to another is a straight line," he says.

When Citibank put up Citytrust, its consumer arm, Tito was tasked to initiate several quality efforts.

The simple bank president's ambition is to someday teach. This he says, will be his payback because despite the odds he faced when he was growing up, he received more than he dreamed of.

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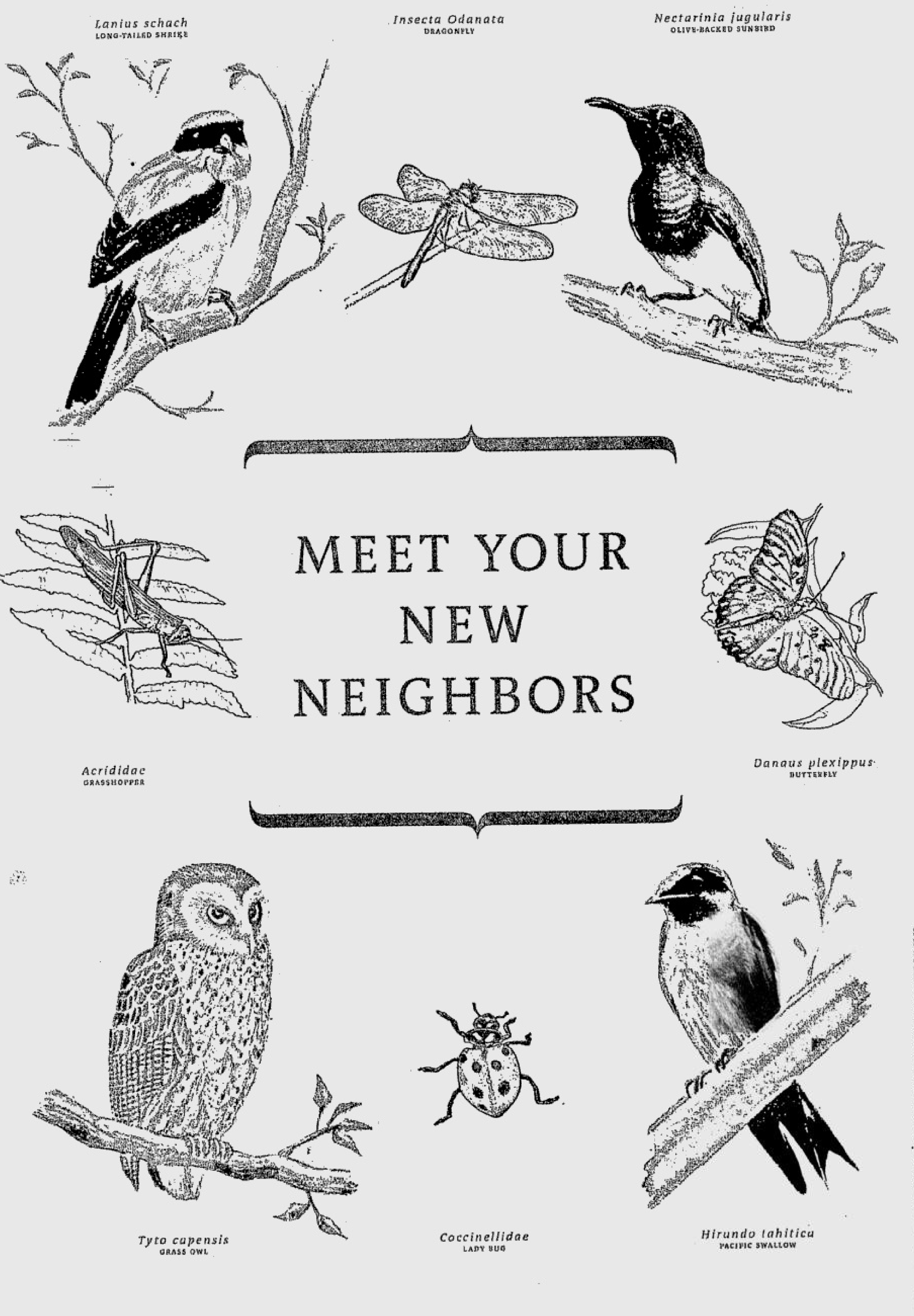

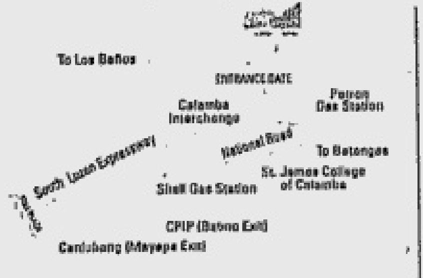

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Full house, *indeed*

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South Korea's 'telenovelas' have taken Asia by storm and spawned a burgeoning tourist industry

ASIA is many things to many people, but it is first and foremost a tourist paradise to world travelers, who find in its dazzling diversity a chance to extend pleasure and enjoyment to its limits.

For shopping, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan offer glittering enticements. For tropical recreation, Bali, Phuket, Boracay and a host of other sand-and-sea destinations are all within reach. The more spiritual can head to India, Nepal or Tibet, while for the more historic-minded, there's always Beijing, cradle of a 4,000-year-old civilization, or Cambodia, site of the glorious ruins of Angkor Wat.

What about South Korea? This prosperous country is now one of the world's strongest economies, a true pillar of Asia's economic miracle, but in terms of tourism it has quite little to offer compared to its neighbors. Not entirely its fault, really. Seoul, the capital, is a

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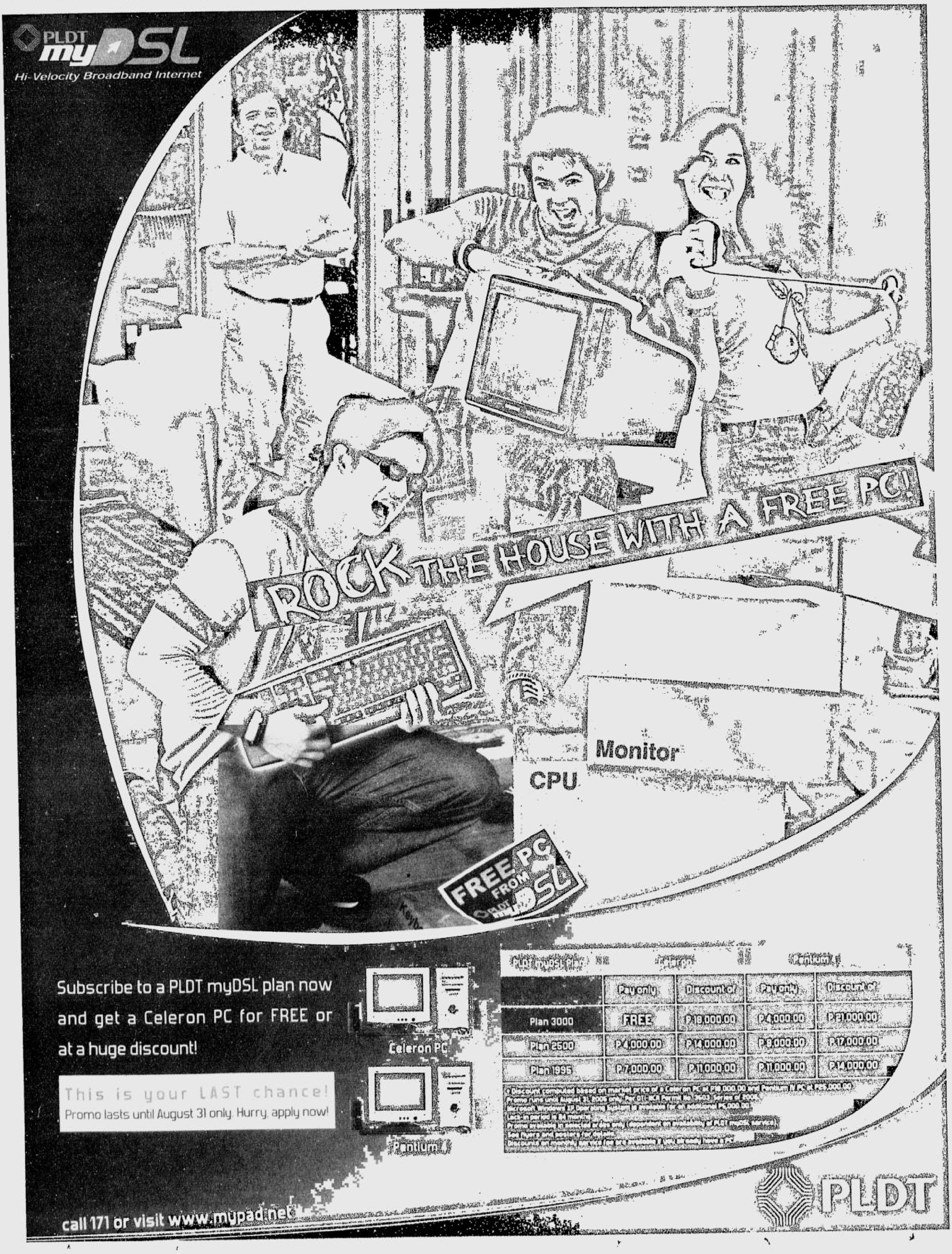
MAN OF THE HOUSE. An image of Justin (Jung Jee Hun aka Rain) guards the house he shared with Jessie (Song Hye Kyo) in "Full House."



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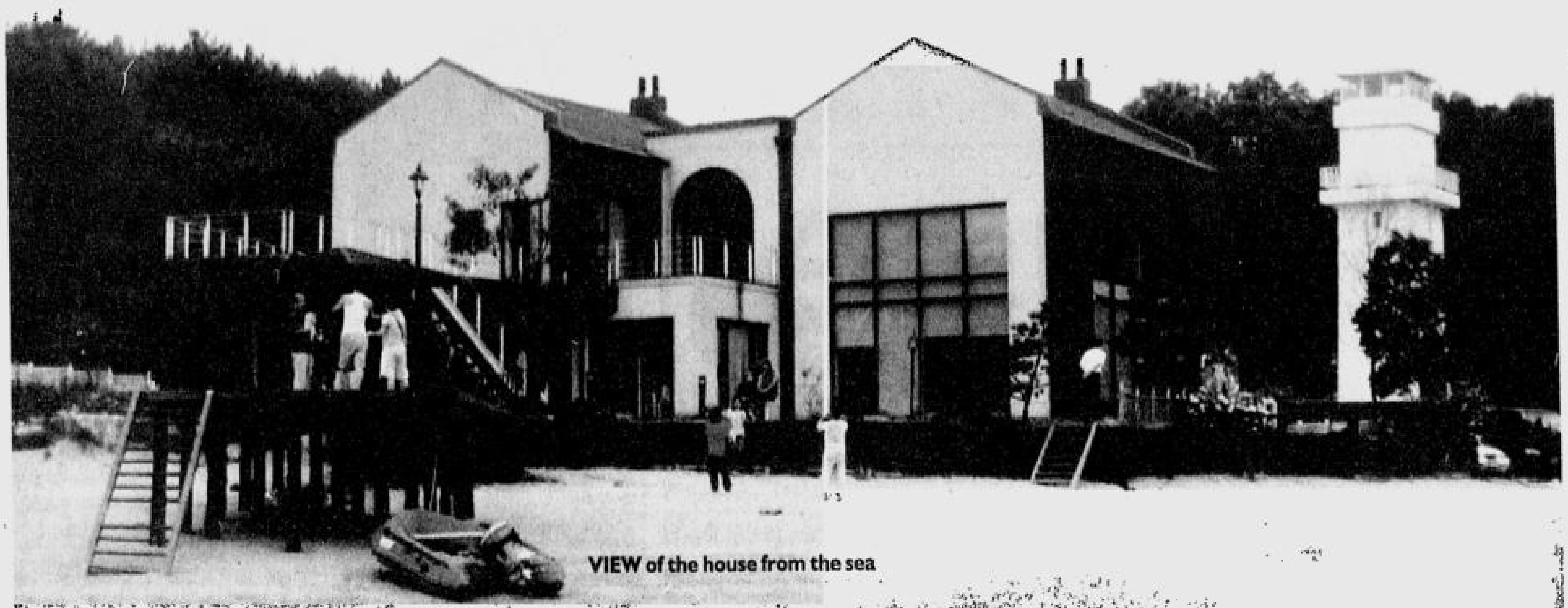
VIEW of the house from the sea

FANS take turns posing beside life-size images of Justin and Jessie.

Full house, indeed

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relentlessly modern city, the old structures having been wiped out during the Korean War. Outside of the capital there is no Korean Bali or Boracay or Borubodur to lure the tourists in.

Novel program

That may soon change with a novel tourism program the Korean travel industry, supported by the government, has put in place. The program takes after New York City's famed tourist walks to prominent city sites and structures featured in popular television programs like "Seinfeld" and "Sex and the City." In South Korea, it's the houses featured in TV programs like "Full House," "Stairway to Heaven," "A Sad Love Story" and "Endless Love II: Winter Sonata" that are proving to be hot draws among Asian tourists.

The most famous of these TV exports is no doubt "Full House," which has been a tremendous hit in countries from China, Thailand, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines to Laos and Vietnam. In Thailand, its highest ratings were in the commanding 56-63 percent range. In the Philippines, according to AGB Philippines, "Full House's" average daily rating of 42.3 percent during its run in GMA 7 early this year made it the highest-rated Asian drama series shown in the country since 2003.

The comedy-drama series tracked the lives of four young Koreans and their resourceful, often funny struggles to overcome difficulties and establish meaningful relationships. Much of the show's appeal lay in its winsome casting choices. The lead star, Song Hye Kyo (Jenny in "Endless Love I: Autumn in My Heart" and Jessie Han in "Full House") was paired with the charismatic Jung Jee Hun aka Rain (Justin Lee in "Full House"), a huge pop star across Asia who made his acting debut in this series. Joining them were two more good-looking Korean stars, Han Eun Jung (Lorraine) and Kim Song Soo (Luigi).

From the start, the show had made Jessie's charming beachfront house an integral part of the story. The two-story whitewashed structure was Jessie's only inheritance from her deceased parents. In true Mills & Boon fashion, however, circumstances conspired to get her evicted from her house, which ended up a property of Justin, a high-handed pop star longing for solitude and stability in his troubled life. How Jessie would get back her beloved dwelling—and fall in love with Justin in the process—became the grist for fascinated viewing by millions of TV households.

Big windows

The actual house, made mostly of wood, was built especially for the mini-series at an approximate cost of US$1 million. Facing a rugged, windy beach, it has a cavernous living room with a winding staircase in the middle, enormous glass windows that allow natural light to flood in, and, outside, a cabana and a boardwalk leading to the sands below. Alas, the wooden swing by the yard, which saw Jessie kicking Justin in one particularly zany episode, is now nowhere to be seen.

Tourists come in droves to this house, located on Si Island near the Incheon International Airport, to gawk at the interiors and take pictures of themselves side by side with life-size images of the lead stars, which adorn the garden and the cabana.

The island itself is reachable via a 10-minute ferry ride from Sammok Ferry Port. A cab ride from the Incheon airport to the Sammok Port costs about 15,000 won ($15 dollars), while the ferry crossing charges 20,000 won ($20). From the dock, a bus takes the tourists to within 30 minutes' walking distance from the house, which is situated on a low bluff accessible only through a dirt road. For the more impatient, bicycles can be rented from enterprising neighbors near the bus stop.

One catch

There is one catch. On some weekends the house is off-limits to tourists, because the local government of Ongjin, which takes care of the property and promotes it for tourism, leases the premises to tourists and fans moneyed (or starstruck) enough to pay the $100-dollar (about 1 million won) rate per night. Many others opt to camp out on the beach.

The charges, while steep, allow the visitors full use of everything in the house. Such that when we visited on a Friday afternoon, Jessie's fanciful pink room on the second floor, cut off from the mezzanine area only by white Roman shades, hosted a lady dressed in house clothes fast asleep on the bed.

Justin's room has also grown shabby, stripped of a number of tell-tale details from the show such as the pop star's sexy framed picture of himself naked from the waist up. In its place now is a blown-up photo of Jessie and Justin embracing for the camera. Visitors, of course, invariably make a beeline for this spot for their picture-taking.

Grander dwelling

Costly as "Full House's" set was, a grander dwelling was built for the TV drama "A Sad Love Story" (known in other parts as "A Sad Love Song," also produced by Kim Jonghak Productions). The series starred Kwon Sang Woo (Cholo of "Stairway to Heaven") as a musician in love with a blind singer, Kim Hee Sun (of "Forever Love").

The house, located in another point of Si Island, offers magnificent views of the surrounding hills and sea, plus luxuriously-appointed interiors that, astoundingly, are so detailed that the lead star's music room actually has a stack of carefully selected CDs by the hi-fi set ready to be played anytime.

The most prominent feature of this structure is another winding staircase, not in the living room itself but set on a circular glass-encased column that takes in the breathtaking landscape outside and connects all three floors of the house. On the third floor is a verandah surrounded by pine trees and a walkway leading to the elegant piano room, with a white baby grand punctuating the space in the middle.

The living room on the first floor is equipped with sofas, a Plasma TV and home theater, even a modern steel fireplace, complete with logs about to be kindled.

"A Sad Love Story" has ended its Korea stint (GMA 7 will run it in the Philippines), and the house is now undergoing renovations and upkeep. But, like the "Full House" mini-mansion, it continues to draw in visitors from all over, tipsy with visions of passionate young lovers fighting and romancing within the confines of a real lived-in home.

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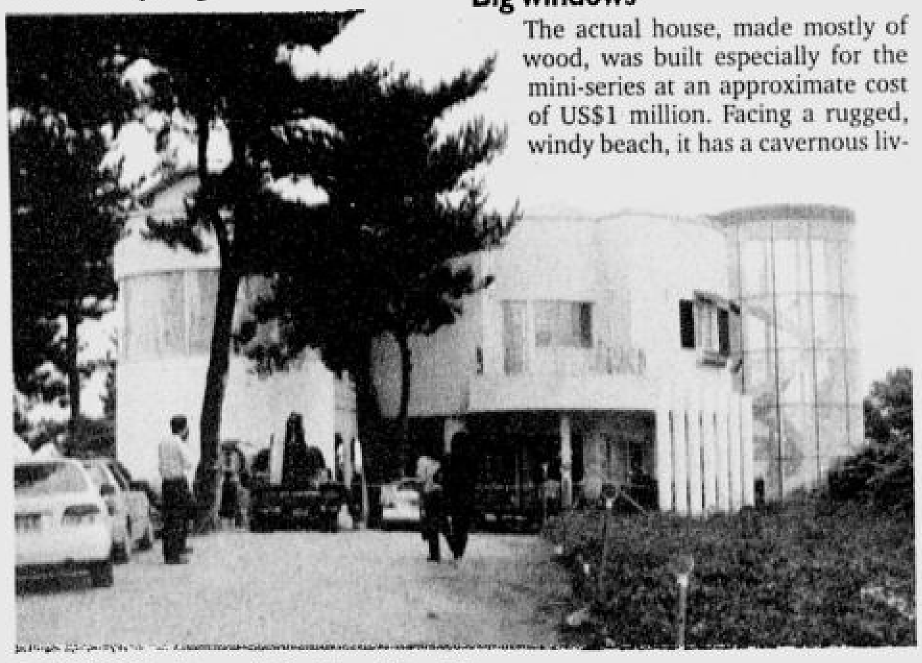
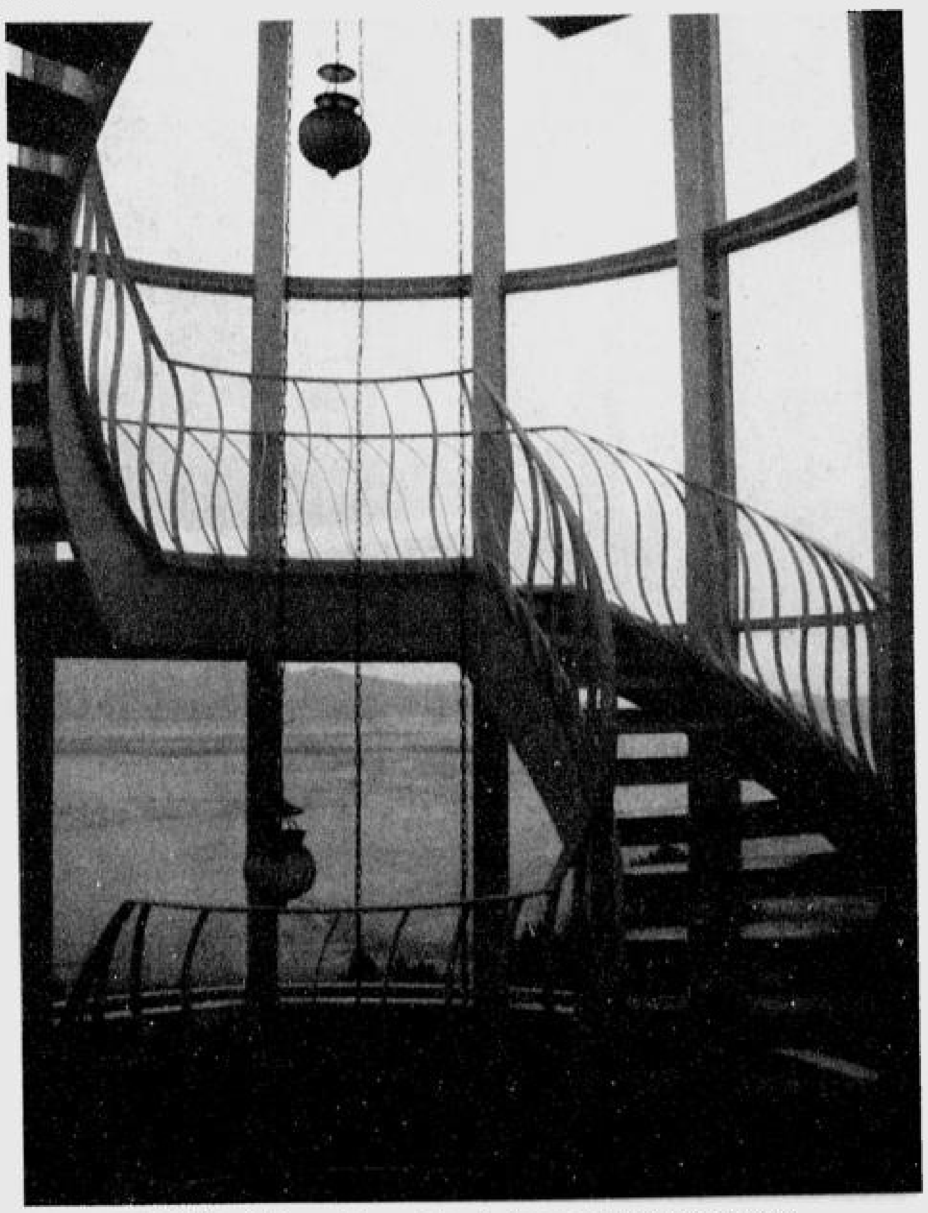
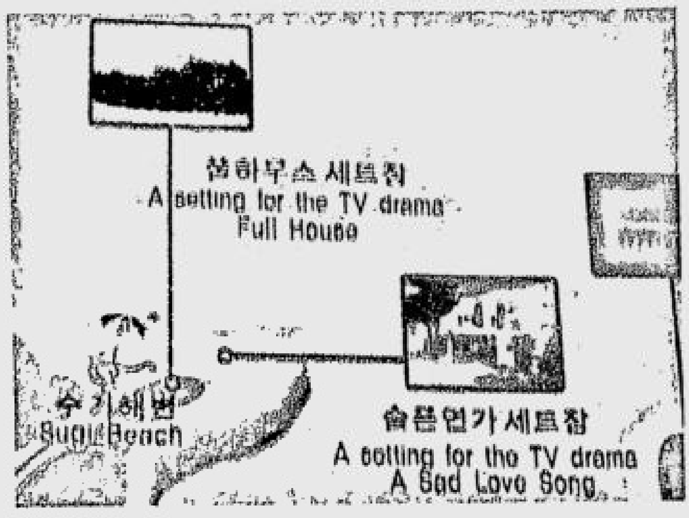
THIS POSTER in the foyer of Justin's room has replaced the sexy picture of the pop star shown in the series.

THE BOARDWALK where Justin did his morning exercises


PATHWAY leading to "A Sad Love Story" house

THE OFFICE-CUM-MUSIC room of Kwon Sang Woo (Cholo of "Stairway to Heaven"), who plays a musician in the TV series


THIS BEAUTIFUL winding staircase takes in the magnificent view of the surrounding hills and sea and connects the mansion's three floors.


풀하우스 세트장
A setting for the TV drama Full House
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A setting for the TV drama A Sad Love Song
MAP on a billboard showing Si Island's two famous tourist attractions

LOVE BOAT. This ferry takes about 10 minutes to bring tourists to Si Island.

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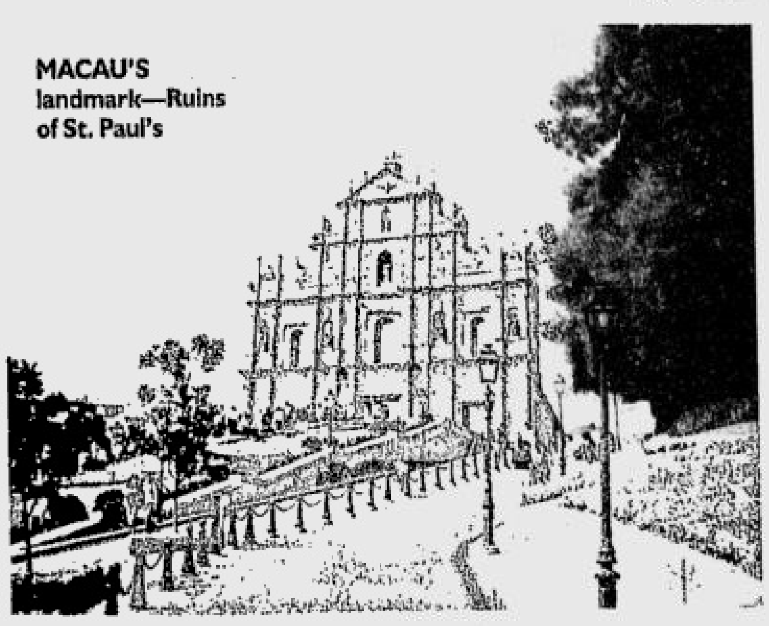

TRAVELBRIEFS

Macau Week opens September

Macau Week opens on Sept. 1 with a cocktail and dinner reception for the travel trade, corporate clients, and friends of Macau at the Edsa Shangri-La, Mandaluyong. This event will also mark the ceremonial opening of the Macau Food Festival, at the hotel's Lobby Lounge, Sept. 2-8. Three chefs from Macau's famed tourism school, the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), will be flown in especially for the occasion. A presentation on Macau will be made by Macau's Director of Tourism, Engr. Joao Manuel Costa Antunes, focusing on the Historic Centre of Macau which has just been listed in UNESCO's world heritage list. The sights, sounds, and tastes of Macau may be experienced at the Atrium, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, on September 2-4, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibit will feature films on Macau, free sampling of Macanese delicacies. A group of artisans will demonstrate the art of calligraphy, face painting, and caricature drawing.

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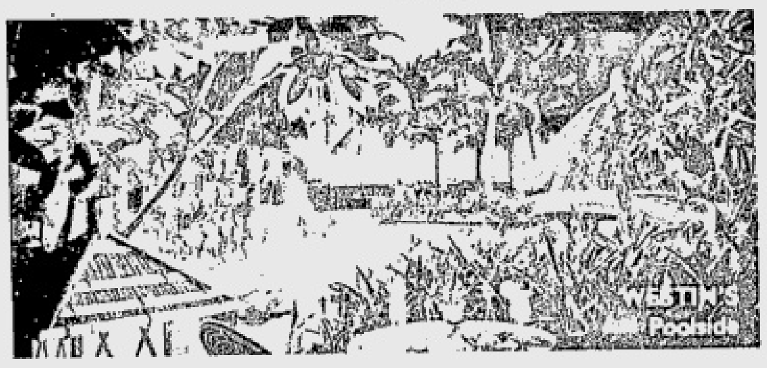

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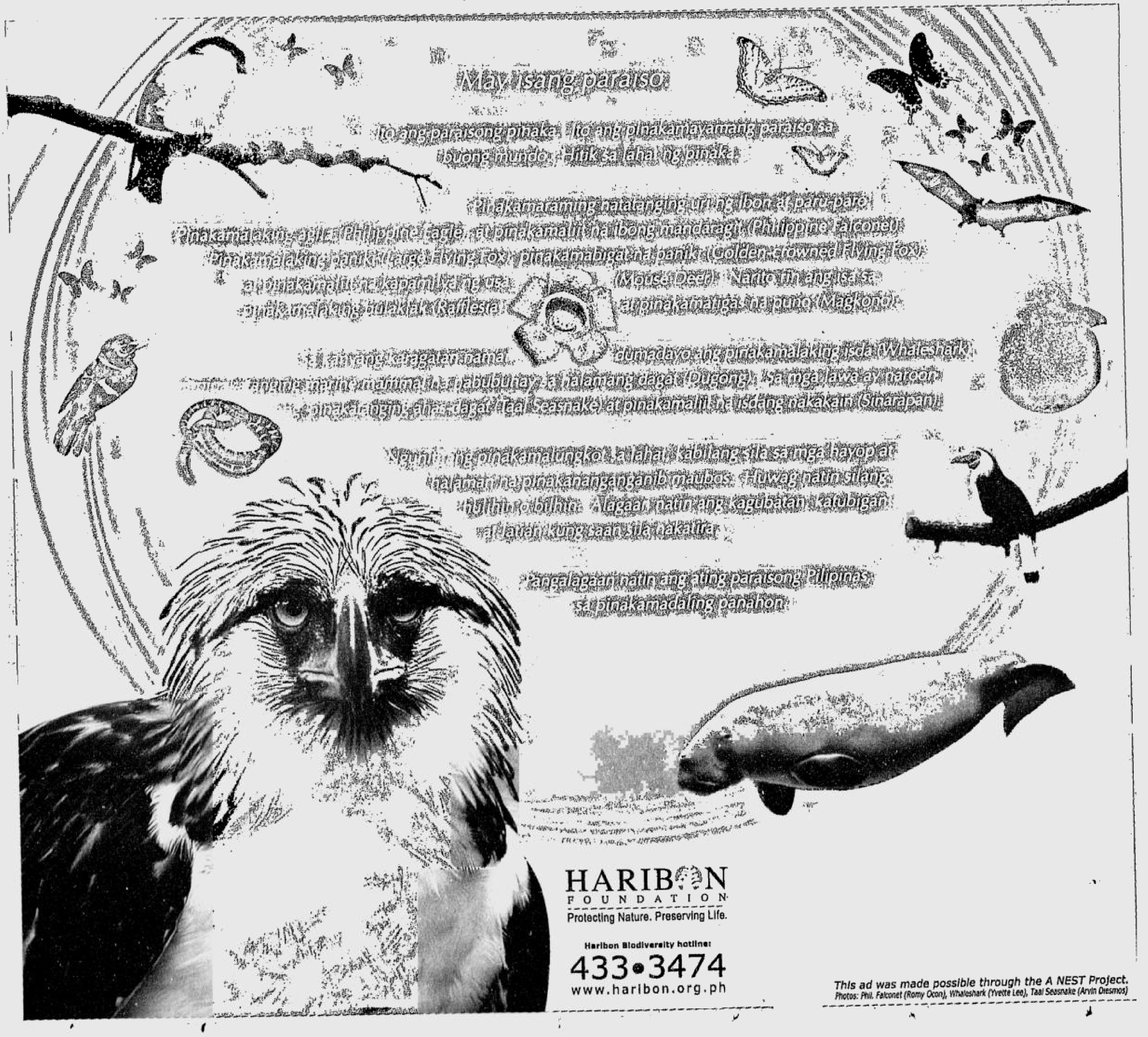
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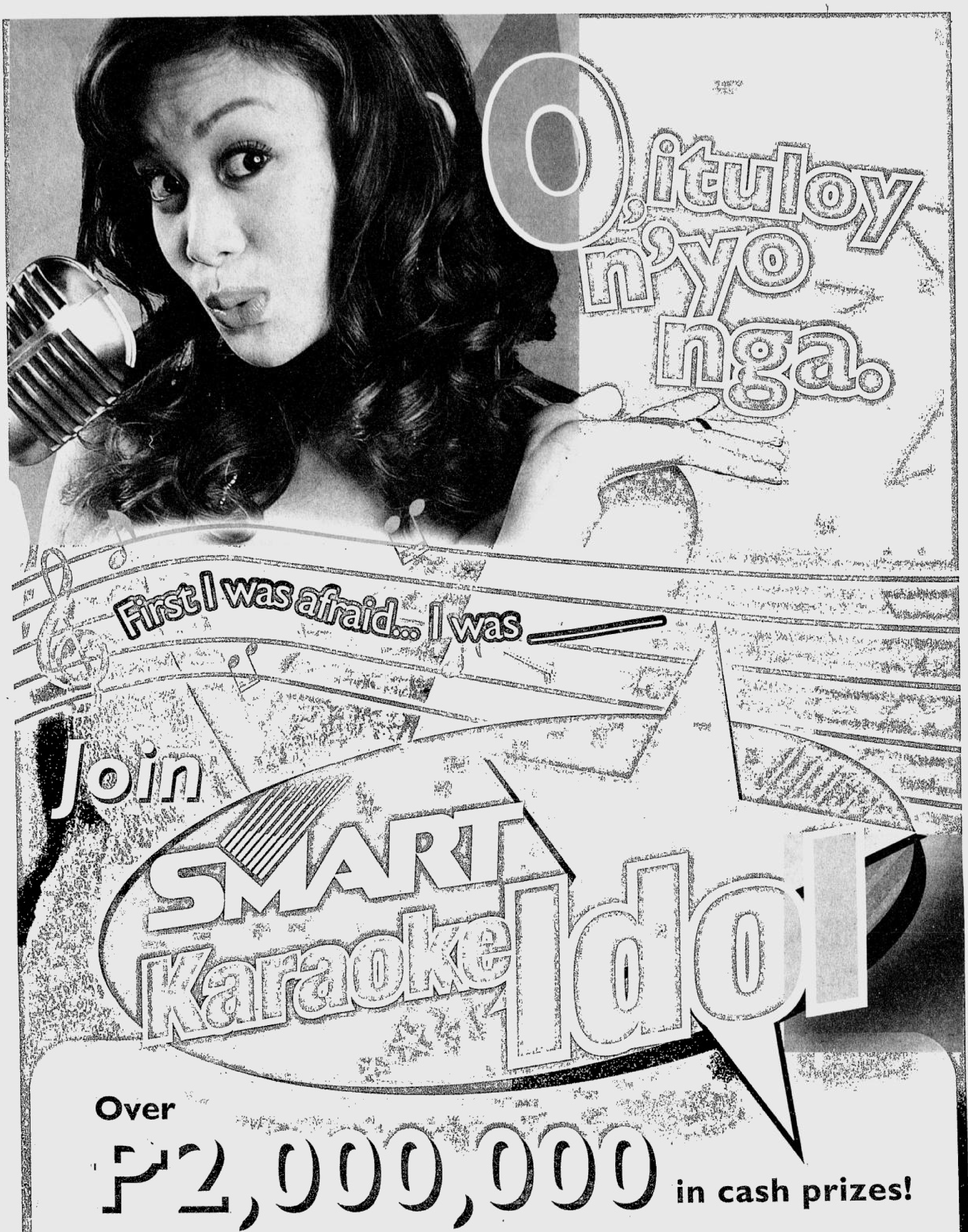

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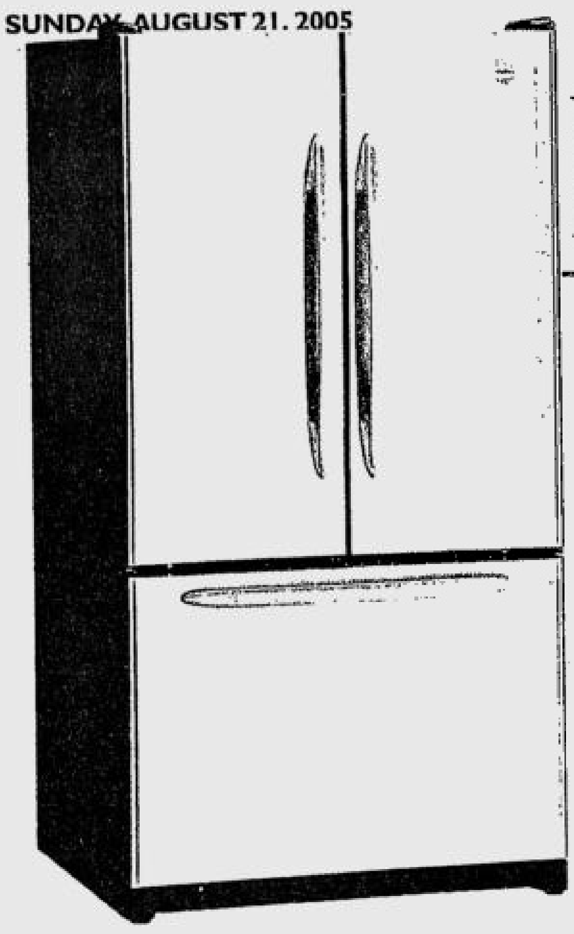

MAYTAG French-door, bottom-freezer refrigerator

COMFY and stylish Tempur mattress

Maytag refrigerators and washing machines and Tempur mattresses and pillows are now in the Philippines

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Rudy Esperas

FASHIONABLE. Functional. Formidable. These are probably the words that best describe two premium home brands that recently graced the Philippine market.

Maytag, renowned for its innovative line of refrigerators and washing machines, and Tempur, maker of comfy mattresses and pillows, are now in the country.

The imported brands are exclusively distributed by Focus Global Inc., a marketing company that is responsible for the Philippine distribution of Coleman, Sub-Zero, Wolf, KitchenAid and Sunbeam of USA, and DMC of France.

"Quality, dependability and performance have made us decide to bring these essential home products in the country," said Steve Sy, president of Focus Global Inc., which is also the exclusive retailer in the Philippines of Ethan Allen furniture, SieMatic and Miele of Germany. "We believe that with the value and convenience the items offer, every household will never be the same again."

A showroom featuring Maytag and Tempur's luxurious home necessities—the full line of laundry, refrigeration and bedroom products—was recently opened at the fifth level of Shangri-la Plaza in Mandaluyong City.

Storing and cleaning

Every homemaker will be thrilled to see Maytag's innovative design of refrigerators, such as the Wide-By-Side Refrigerator and French Door Bottom-Freezer Refrigerator.

The Wide-by-Side refrigerator is unlike any refrigerator you've seen. It gives you extra width to store items easily, especially odd-sized ones. "It's the widest available refrigerator and freezer space in a traditional side-by-side," said Rufus Tseng, regional manager for Maytag. "So you can store everything from watermelons and frozen turkeys to pizzas and large casseroles without hassles."

The French Door Bottom-Freezer refrigerator combines the most popular refrigeration styles among consumers today—the side-by-side refrigerator and bottom-freezer refrigerator. These features simply make accessing the fresh food compartment easier than ever. Space issues are history with its smartly configured interior and Wide-N-Fresh deli drawer. The pantry drawer also has its own temperature control so that items can be kept up to four degrees lower—ideal for chilling wine or keeping deli trays fresh.

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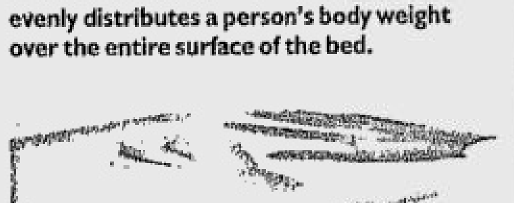
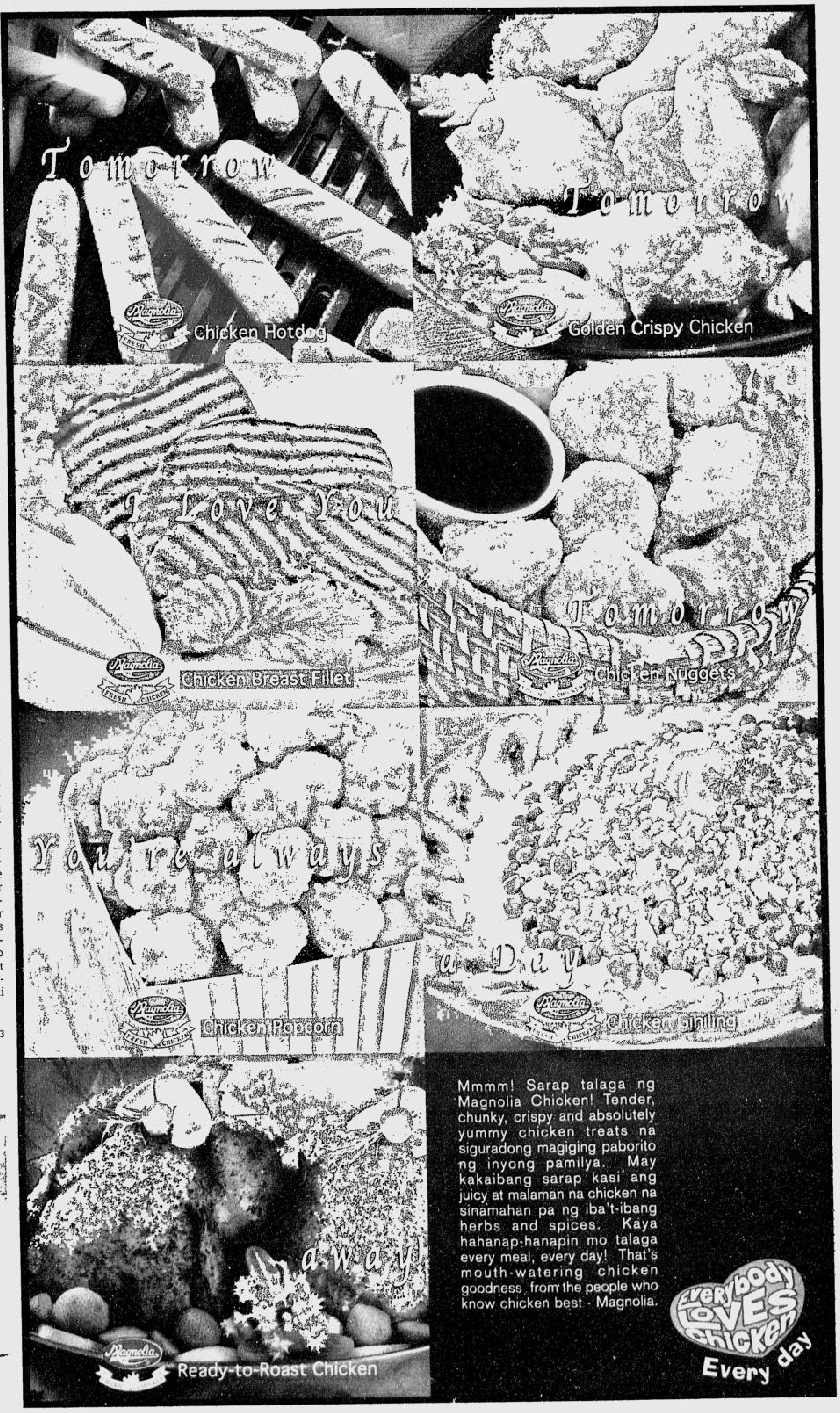
TEMPUR pillows and mattresses are made of visco elastic material, which absorbs and evenly distributes a person's body weight over the entire surface of the bed.





Mmmm! Sarap talaga ng Magnolia Chicken! Tender, chunky, crispy and absolutely yummy chicken treats na siguradong magiging paborito ng inyong pamilya. May kakaibang sarap kasi ang juicy at malaman na chicken na sinamahan pa ng iba't-ibang herbs and spices. Kaya hahanap-hanapin mo talaga every meal, every day! That's mouth-watering chicken goodness from the people who know chicken best - Magnolia.

BELLEVUE Hotel owner and GM Patrick Chan and mom Debbie

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VACATIONING boss Freddie Garcia and wife Gloria

NICOTINA guests Rosan Cruz, me, Maron, Liana Romulo and Chris Celis of Music Motion Band

The Bard gets 'jologs' treatment

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

The immortal romance tragedy by Shakespeare gets an update for the hip, young crowd like me, ahem

FIT IS the new rich! Youth, though it can never be preserved, can be embraced by keeping a cheerful attitude. Everyone at the second anniversary of INQUIRER Super! at the NBC Tent was in great shape—young and bursting with excitement. One could feel the dynamic energy of the next wave—the people who matter and who all care about improving the future.

The brainchild of boldly blond **Tim Yap**, INQUIRER Super! has awakened the Saturday papers with its racy pictorials, edgy stories and visually stunning layouts. Creating radical concepts weekly has called the attention of the godfathers of the INQUIRER who have rebuked him a couple of times. But just like an eager child, he learns from his elders and continues, no, races back to creating his exciting ideas.

Perhaps the evening's best acceptance speech was given by **Kate Torralba**, who was awarded for "I Rock the World of Music, Fashion and More," when she said, *"Kung kaya 'ko ito, kaya nyo rin lahat magawa ito!"* Now that's the kind of inspirational message that the Super! generation all want to hear!

It is also in Super! that my baby **Athena's** life has been chronicled and featured—from the announcement of her conception (our pictorial was at the nursery of Makati Medical Center), to a baby shower given by Tim and close friends at the Urban Spa and to Athena's enchanted baptism at the San Antonio Parish. Even the trip that resulted in the creation of Athena was highlighted in one of the Saturday issues. (This was the Swatch feature on **Borgy Manotoc** at last year's Olympics in Athens, Greece.)

Shakespeare in hip

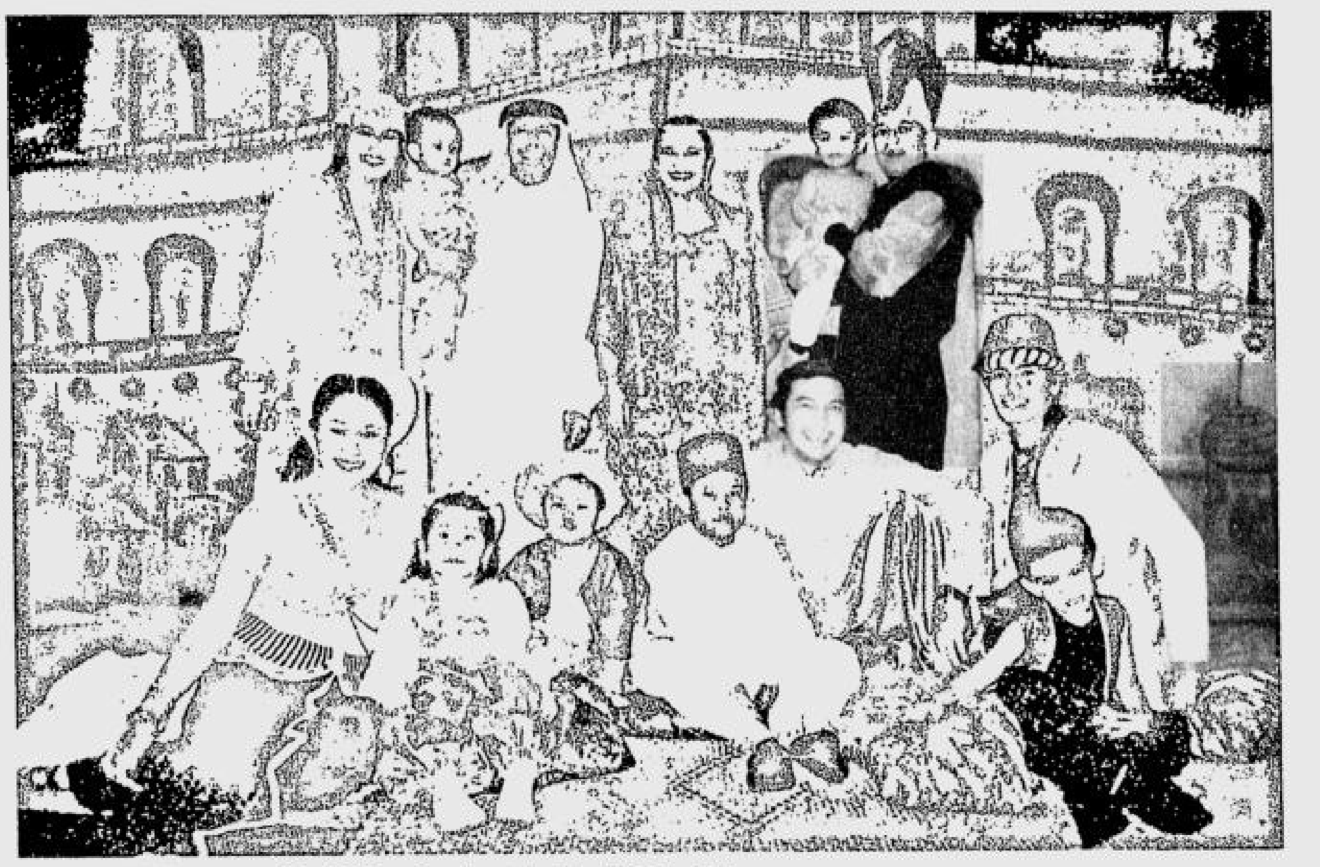
From the awards night that evening, my Safari buddies and I rushed to Cultural Center of the Philippines to catch the Tanghalang Pilipino's "R'meo Luvs Dew-Lhiett." The local, modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's immortal love story was done in the Pinoy pop version called *jologs*. *Jologs* is an all-encompassing term used to describe the underprivileged, the *baduy*, the *bakya* crowd of the '90s and the *masa*; all being in step with the sign of the times.

Not for the Shakespeare purists (you will surely walk out of the theater), the adaptation is set in present-day Tondo and has hilarious scenes featuring cell phone snatchers, LBC delivery couriers, *karaoke* singing and other snippets of Filipino life—all spewing sexual innuendoes on stage. Its adapters, **Herbie Go** and **JV Villareal**, have been criticized with murdering the classic, but they surely have brought an extremely fresh perspective for the youthful viewers. Instead of being restrained by the corsets of iambic pentameter, they decided on the *jologs* version that brings a hip-hop feel to the verses.

One of the best parts of the play was how the authors skillfully localized Shakespeare's dialogue. In the second act, when the lovers are to be separated as R'meo escapes to Mantua, Shakespeare has them awakening and discussing whether they hear the nightingale or the lark. The nightingale sings at night and the lark in the morning, and if it is the lark, Romeo must go. Instead of those foreign birds, we have Dew-lhiett insisting she hears the nighttime *balut* vendor, while R'meo fears it is the morning *taho* seller. Another example of excellent Pinoy creativity!

Thanks to my food expert and yoga mate **Malu Gamboa**, I have been made a board director of Tanghalang Pilipino and introduced to the local theater world. Though I was laughing on a delayed response basis due to my poor Tagalog skills, I did enjoy the play immensely. My Shakespeare enthusiast husband **Dennis** had to play translator half the time, giving me the real versions of different scenes.

Still on my breast-feeding schedule, I got hungry after the play so we ended up in a breezy restaurant by the bay called Nicotina Garden Pavilion. Once owned by the late **Richard Tann**, the cozy garden patio-style place has a band playing nightly. We caught the Music Motion Band whose lead singer is the wife of **Marlone Rubio**, our Lifestyle digital creative wiz.


ARABIAN Night party of Azi Ablaza Syquia at the Manila Polo Club

TANGHALANG Pilipino talents Herbie Go, Noel Escondo and Catherine Racsag

Johnny at 69

If youth can be embraced by a positive disposition, my "Look Who's Talking" co-host **Johnny Litton** has indeed advanced while positively remaining youthful. For his 69th birthday, our TV crew produced a musical and entertaining dinner show at the Bellevue Hotel for the many friends of Johnny in and out of show biz. With his almost 35 years in the industry, Johnny has had a roster of shows surpassing other TV hosts like **Johnny Carson** and **Jay Leno** combined. He is the hardest-working events host as well with his commanding expertise at whipping up the crowd's spirit.

The performance opened with a sexy dance number by curvaceous **Maui Taylor**, who is back in show-biz circulation. Several others sang as well but Philippine Tatler's **Anton San Diego** was a true revelation as he belted one out on TV for the first time. I even did my share in the talent show with a belly dance number in full regalia together with two gay men. Our costumes were almost as authentic as the Arabian Night party outfits of the Ablaza family when they celebrated the first birthday of **Azi Ablaza Syquia**.

The show will be aired tomorrow on ABC-5 at 10 p.m., so do catch it. Johnny was truly delighted with the attendance of his dearest friends. I also had my friends in the Alabang part of the woods come along to enjoy the festivities.

BELLY dancers at the "Look Who's Talking" party

JOHNNY'S close friends Baby and Linggoy Araneta

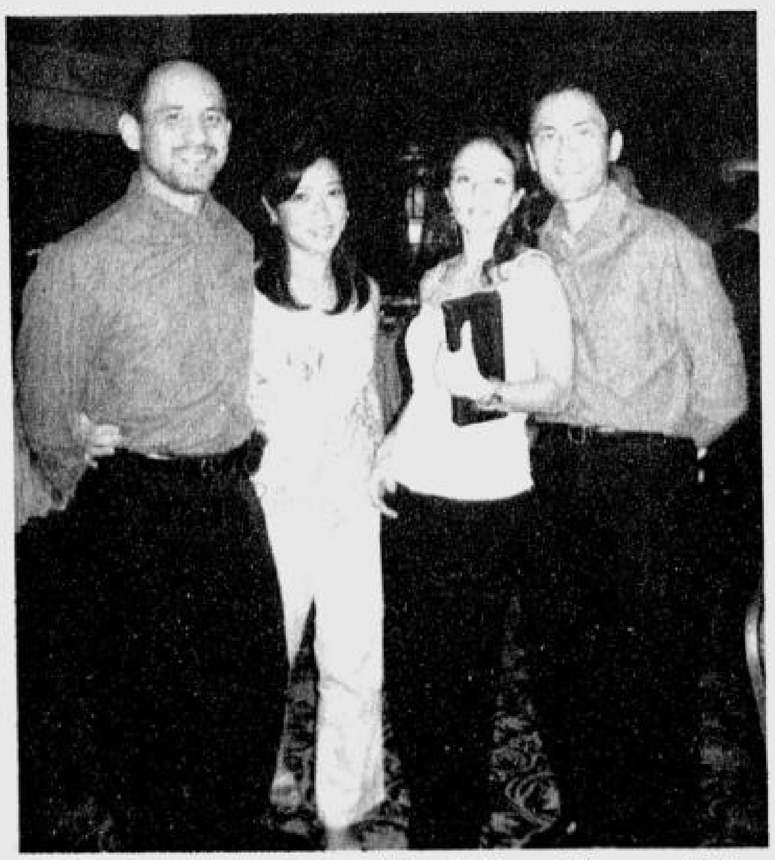
ROYAL Arabian couple Mely and Louie Ablaza

French fashion illustration

For an exciting blend of art, fashion and the French culture, the Alliance Française de Manille is producing a grand fashion show called Traits Tres Mode on August 23. Set at the Rockwell Tent, Alliance director **Lulu Tan Gan** is orchestrating a dramatic production featuring French illustrators and local fashion designers. This will be a show not to miss.

I close this Sunday with an invitation to watch "R'meo Luvs Dew-Lhiett." The play runs all weekends of August and mid-September at the CCP Little Theater. The experience opened my mind and soul to new possibilities on work and life. I awoke inspired and crisp with the thought that all will be well. All we have to do is to just remain steadfast to our ideals while keeping the flame of our passions warm and close to our hearts.

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph


ALABANG party guests Dave and Elena Valdes and Mona and Robin Valdes

IN HIGH spirits. EJ and Tess Litton and Raul Banzon

BIRTHDAY boy Johnny Litton with wife Tere and their son Martin

WONDERFUL friends Ed and Mila Lacson and Roselle Rebano

DEW-LHIETT'S *yaya* Wenah Nagales

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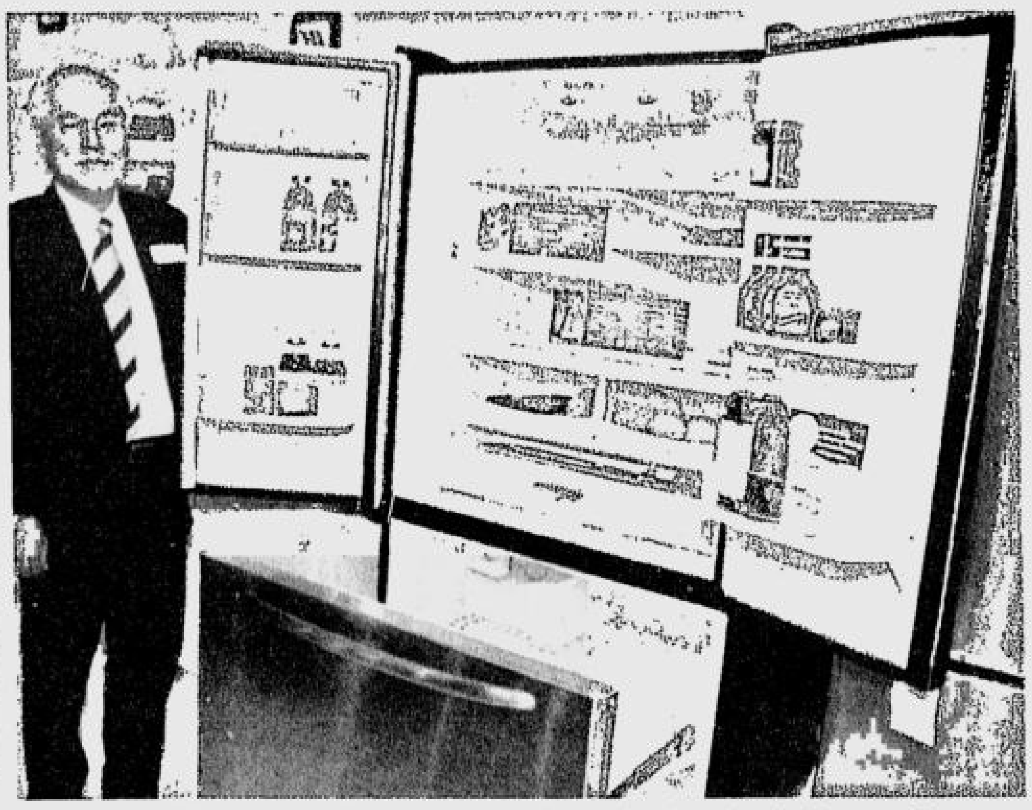
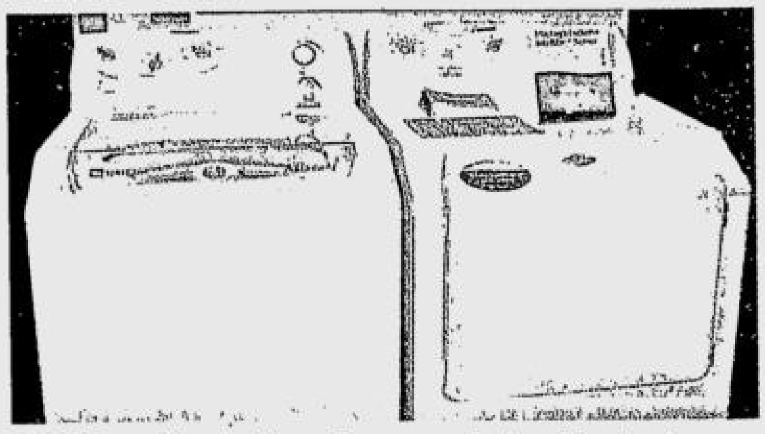
TEMPUR business development manager Stephen Thirgood, Focus Global Inc. president Steve Sy, acting deputy chief of mission Scott Bellard, FGI vice president Loli Sy and Tempur regional sales director for Asia-Pacific Simon Walsh at the ribbon-cutting at Shangri-La Plaza showroom



RUFUS Tseng, Maytag regional manager, shows the spacious interior of a Maytag refrigerator.



MAYTAG washing machines offer ergonomic sloped front and easy-access door opening to make loading and unloading easier.

Well-run home in a jiffy

From page D1

Then, side by side with Maytag's display of refrigerators is its pioneering line of washers and dryers. Notable among the displays are Maytag Neptune Front Load and Maytag Performa Series.

Building on the award-winning Nepture washer, the original of which was known for its cleaning, conservation, clothes-care and capacity features, the new Maytag Neptune features StainBrain that takes the guesswork out of stain removal and has the ideal wash cycle to best remove stain. On-screen guide gives step-by-step instruction to pretreat up to 60 of the most common stains, such as coffee and chocolate stains.

"And with our high-efficiency TurboClean wash system, laundry continuously turns over and moves through the water and concentrated detergent—up to 35 times per minute. Most conventional washers turn laundry over an average of only one or two times per cycle," said Tseng.

Meanwhile, Maytag Performa Series washers and dryers are designed for "capacity-oriented" consumers. Sorting clothes is not their main priority. Loads are larger in order to get the laundry done in the shortest time possible. That means Maytag Performa washers and dryers—with Oversize Capacity Plus—offer the ideal laundry solution. Consumers will have peace of mind knowing that their washer and dryer will be ready to tackle even the largest family-size loads, leaving them more time to do other things they want to do.

Maytag Performa washers also add liquid fabric softener at just the right time during the rinse cycle. Located at the top of the agitator, the dispenser uses the centrifugal force of the spin cycle to send softener down the center of the agitator, where it mixes with the rinse water in the bottom of the tub before contact with clothes. This method helps prevent spots on fabrics that may result when softener is added directly into the wash tub.

Better sleep, fewer aches

Now, after a day of washing and drying clothes, wouldn't it be nice to rest on a comfy, back-friendly bed? Here comes Tempur, which offers pressure-relieving mattresses and pillows.

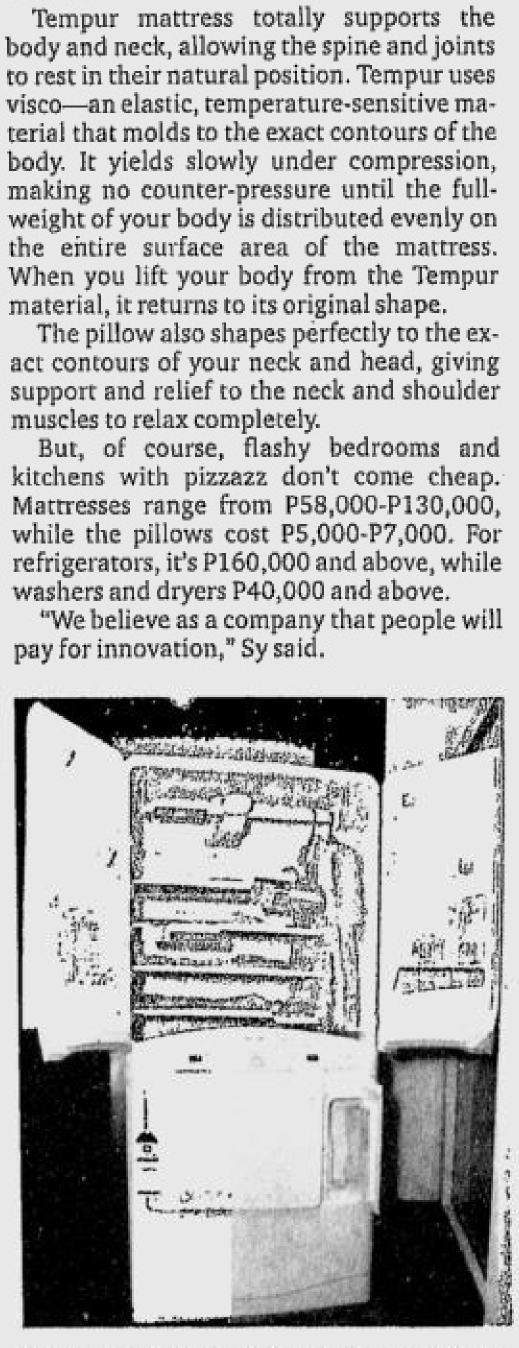
"The most important task of a mattress is to give support where the body needs it, without causing pressure points," said Simon Walsh, director for Regional Sales-Asia Pacific.

Tempur mattress totally supports the body and neck, allowing the spine and joints to rest in their natural position. Tempur uses visco—an elastic, temperature-sensitive material that molds to the exact contours of the body. It yields slowly under compression, making no counter-pressure until the full-weight of your body is distributed evenly on the entire surface area of the mattress. When you lift your body from the Tempur material, it returns to its original shape.

The pillow also shapes perfectly to the exact contours of your neck and head, giving support and relief to the neck and shoulder muscles to relax completely.

But, of course, flashy bedrooms and kitchens with pizzazz don't come cheap. Mattresses range from P58,000-P130,000, while the pillows cost P5,000-P7,000. For refrigerators, it's P160,000 and above, while washers and dryers P40,000 and above.

"We believe as a company that people will pay for innovation," Sy said.



MAYTAG Neptune Dryer has a cabinet that gently dries fabrics, prevents shrinkage, reduces wrinkles and eliminates clutter.

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6. Promo is open to all male and female deodorant users.
7. Product bearing the sticker code should be kept as proof of purchase.
8. Promo period is from August 1, 2005 12:00am to October 31, 2005 11:59pm only.
9. The grand draw will be held on November 10, 2005 at Information Gateway, Inc. (2/F Jaycem Building Rada St., Legaspi Village, Makati) with representatives from Beiersdorf Singapore Pte. Ltd., Information Gateway, Inc. and BFAD present.
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Pleasantly pedestrian

JIM Ayala, president of Ayala Land Incorporated

The premier property development company is making its commercial projects enjoyable as walkabouts

By Linda Bolido

TO MANY Filipinos, Ayala has become almost synonymous with class—in capital letters.

So why is Jim Ayala, the 43-year-old president of Ayala Land Inç. (ALI), talking about "pedestrianizing" not just the Makati commercial center (MCC) but even the Bonifacio Global City at The Fort in Taguig, Metro Manila?

But then pedestrianizing for ALI is a far cry from slumming. What Ayala (despite his family name he is not related to ALI's owners) is talking about is simply making it easier and more pleasant for people who live, work, and visit the two sites to go on walkabouts—whether for shopping, dining or entertainment.

The idea is not only some kind of public service. It actually makes good business sense, especially if you are trying to draw people who really do not have a compelling reason to go to the MCC or the Fort, like non-residents or non-employees.

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Lady's Choice
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From Simple Straights
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The New Lady's Choice Bottle

Have you ever seen the jars restaurants use in keeping pasta or olive oil? Have you noticed how sleek or stylish these bottles look? They're like the pages of an architectural digest or a gourmet magazine coming alive.

Much like these bottles, Lady's Choice creates this same impact as it recently unveiled its new look. Now with shapely curves, the new Lady's Choice bottle is the epitome of richness and abundance. Breaking away from the traditional straight contour of other dressings and spreads, the design really stands out even from a distance.

While it has transformed to a modern look, Lady's Choice has been and will always keep faithful to the tradition of quality, creaminess and freshness that has made the brand close to the Filipinos' hearts and taste buds for almost fifty years now.

Inspired by the natural creativity of women around the country, the Lady's Choice new bottle is a testament to their imagination and ingenuity. It reflects the foodies' desire for self-expression, to be different and not be always on the safe side.

So what's the shape of things to come from Lady's Choice? Definitely, the continued commitment of making every Filipino meal delightful and oh, so special. Because you only get the best when there is Lady's Choice.

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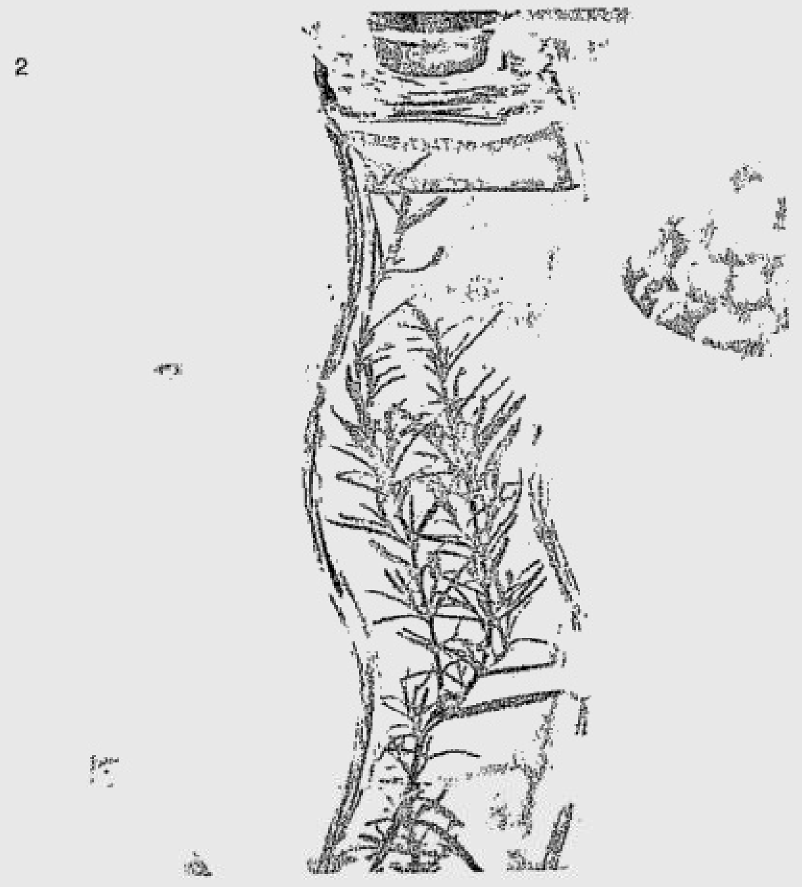

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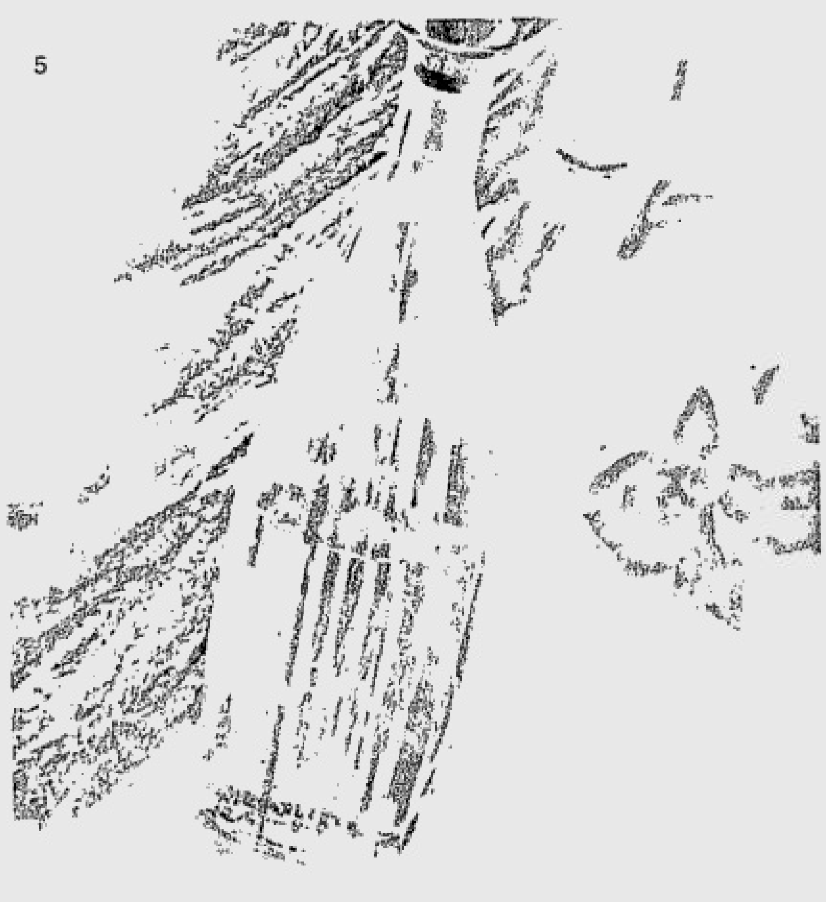

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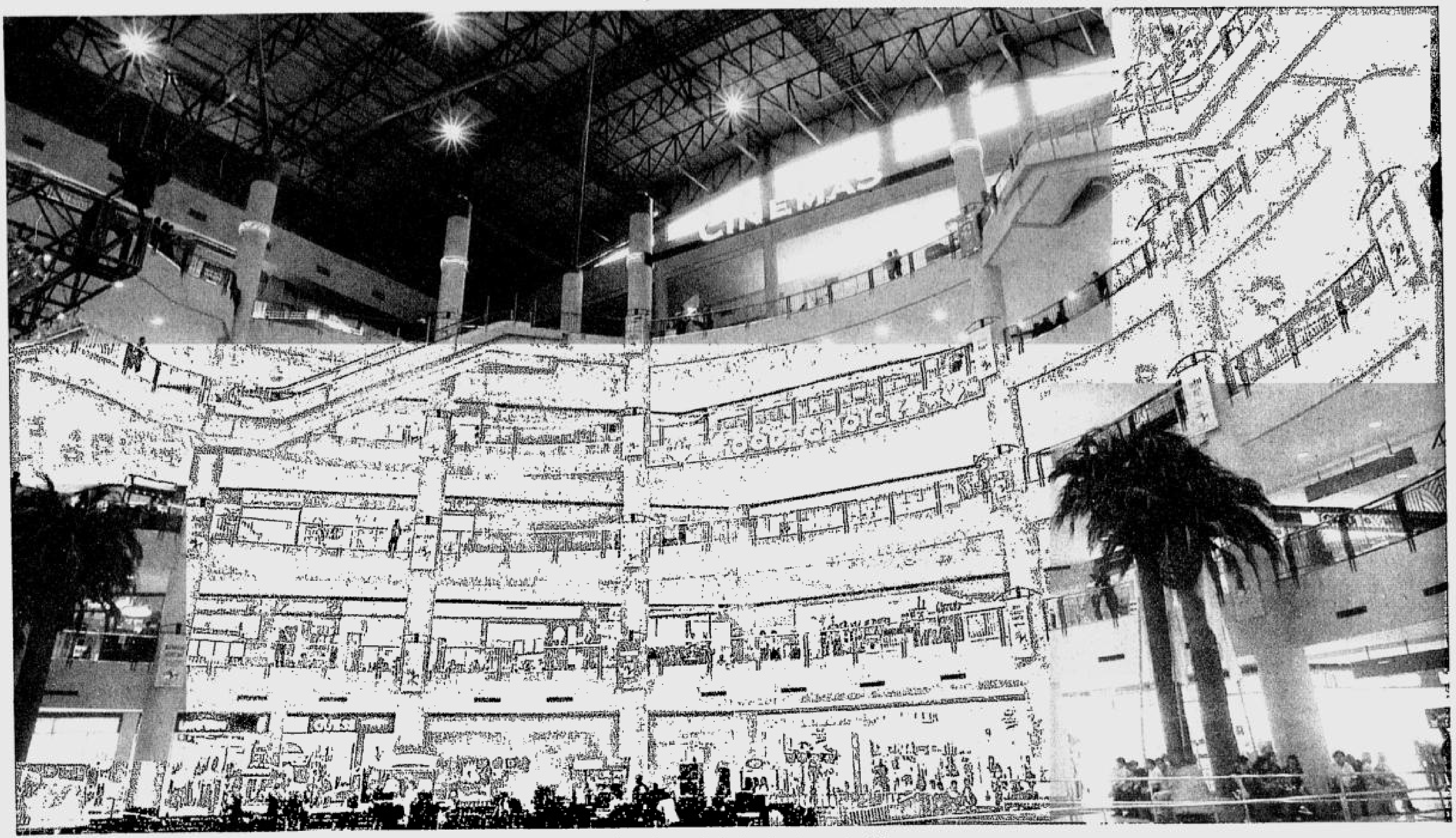

MARKET! Market! in Bonifacio Global City brings together traditional and non-traditional retailers and wholesalers in a mall setting.

Pleasantly pedestrian

MIRIAM Katigbak, EVP and head, Commercial Centers Group

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cal Center (MMC) all the way to the MRT (Metro Rail Transit) station on Edsa," points out Miriam Katigbak, executive vice president and head, Commercial Centers Group. She adds the plan for the network of covered overpasses, underpasses and street-level pedestrian pathways has been with the company since 1990.

Big difference

Though people were really able to walk from the MRT station to MMC starting only last year, Ayala says, "It has really made a very big difference. Where before you have a lot of traffic on the ground floors (of malls), you now have a lot more traffic on the upper levels so all of our merchants had to adjust. It also eased our parking. (Parking demand) went down a lot because people now walk, which is good."

So good that it has made the idea worth replicating elsewhere.

"We want to take that to a whole new level at Fort Bonifacio," says Ayala, "because it will be a mix of uses (unlike Makati where things are separate-offices, commercial establishments, etc.). We want to make it a more integrated, mix-use, pedestrian-oriented place."

He says the Fort is geared towards a mix market. "It is a large area, too big to be totally high end."

He adds, "The problem when you have a setup where you only have business offices *sa gabi patay*…You want something that is alive all the time, that is very safe and very pedestrian-friendly." What ALI plans for the Global City is a "retail promenade with landscaping."

Not just buildings

Both Ayala and Katigbak stress that ALI always makes its plans as comprehensive as possible, anticipating every possible use and service and facilities that may be required. "There is so much more to real estate (development) than just putting up building," Katigbak points out.

Ayala adds time frame should be at least 20 years since "we're studying this… to make the project sustainable. We all exist in a broader community. We cannot ignore, in fact, we have an obligation to, use resources sustainably."

If he sounds like an environmentalist, that is because Ayala is a member of the board of the World Wildlife Fund in the Philippines. He finds no conflict between his pro-environment sentiments and ALI's goals, saying the company has always been environment conscious.

After the award-winning redevelopment of Greenbelt, ALI is now reviewing plans for Glorietta. "It's a prime piece of property. We always try to make each (redevelopment) something to look forward to," says Katigbak. The InterContinental Hotel, a major landmark in that part of Makati is definitely part of the redevelopment.

But ALI is not completely done with Greenbelt. Katigbak says some pretty serious redevelopment is being planned for Greenbelt 1 to make it seem bigger than it is now.

Ayala says, "Positioning-wise, it really provides services to office workers." Katigbak points out it is closest to the Legazpi Village offices. "Lunch time *maraming tumatawid* (for) grocery, services, etc." So she adds they will keep much of the services available but "we may change the side facing the park, and organize the second and third floors a little bit more."

The movie theaters may have to go as Greenbelt 3 already has several.

Family affair

Ayala says Glorietta, having everything for everyone, is geared toward the whole family while people go to Greenbelt to eat, celebrate, pamper themselves. The place that makes them feel good inside and out.

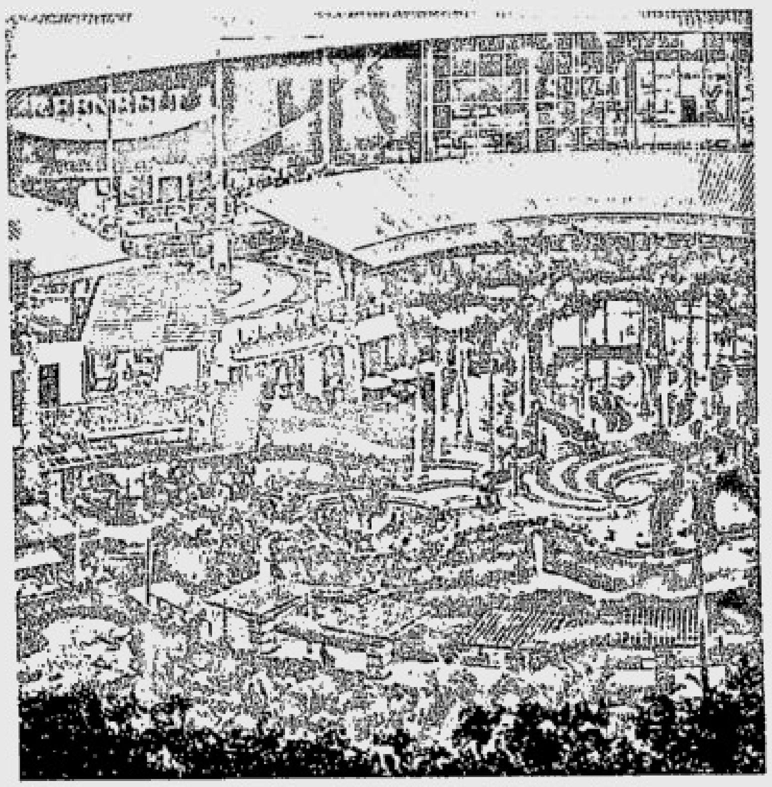
Even as ALI is busy with the development of the Global City and redevelopment of Glorietta, it is also getting ready for the 2007 opening of what is dubbed as "a super regional mall in northern Metro Manila" in the North Triangle in Quezon City, a joint venture with ALI owning 50 percent.

Ayala says it is going to be very large, 200,000 square meters, "Glorietta without the 'afters.'"

Katigbak says this is their first entry to Quezon City and they studied the area very carefully. "We would like to give the market something that they have not seen before—and don't have. So we actually would like to combine Glorietta and Greenbelt and provide Quezon City that kind of ambience."

Greatest hits

Ayala says, "It will be a super regional mall addressing a number of different segments so it will be in a way a mixture of Ayala's 'greatest hits'… We have to organize the mall in a way that different segments have their areas because we are serving a number of different needs." The challenge, he says, is to make everything cohesive.



THE MULTI-AWARDED Greenbelt, a lifestyle center for the cosmopolitan consumer

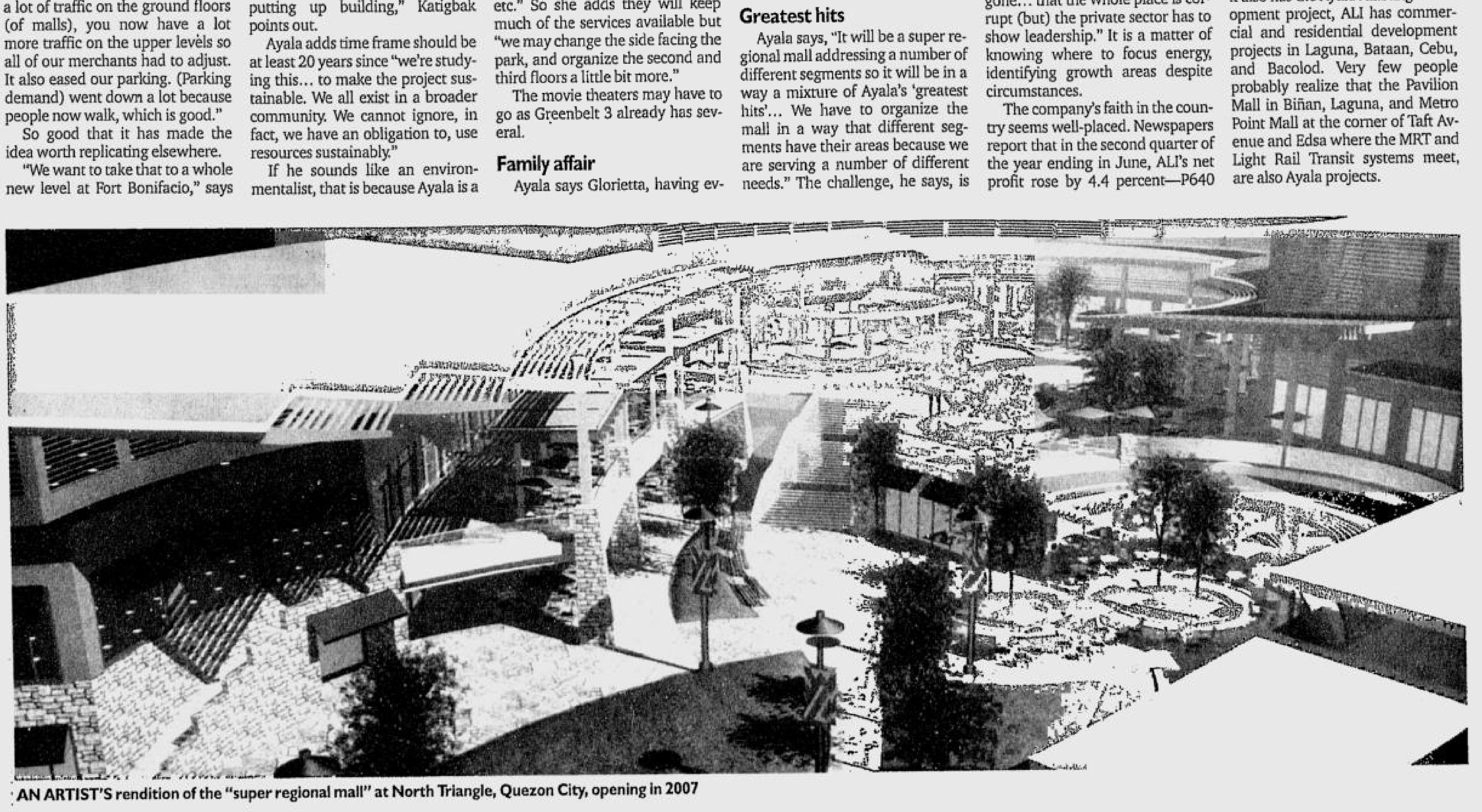
Given the current political upheaval, is ALI being overly optimistic?

Ayala, who worked with a multinational company and was based overseas for several years, shares the company's faith in the country and its people. He says businesses can do well "if they do things right, if they understand the market. I don't think the Philippines is so far gone… that the whole place is corrupt (but) the private sector has to show leadership." It is a matter of knowing where to focus energy, identifying growth areas despite circumstances.

The company's faith in the country seems well-placed. Newspapers report that in the second quarter of the year ending in June, ALI's net profit rose by 4.4 percent—P640 million from P613 million for the same period last year. The increase was attributed primarily to sustained rise in mall rentals and property sales despite political and economic uncertainties.

Ayala attributes the company's robust "health" to integrity and commitment, as well as innovativeness. "*Sigurado ka sa* Ayala," he says.

Aside from Metro Manila, where it also has the Ayala Alabang development project, ALI has commercial and residential development projects in Laguna, Bataan, Cebu, and Bacolod. Very few people probably realize that the Pavilion Mall in Biñan, Laguna, and Metro Point Mall at the corner of Taft Avenue and Edsa where the MRT and Light Rail Transit systems meet, are also Ayala projects.



AN ARTIST'S rendition of the "super regional mall" at North Triangle, Quezon City, opening in 2007

'Tree of life' is living up to its name

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

AT LAST, the coconut, our "tree of life," is getting the recognition it deserves. Its oil is now being considered, or so I'm told, as an alternative fuel source. Let's hope this is not wishful thinking on our part.

No dream, no wishful thinking, however, is the emergence of virgin coconut oil (VCO) as both nutrient and health booster. Several levels above our ordinary cooking oil, its potential for varied uses is being researched and studied at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) in Laguna, specifically at the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (NIMBB or Biotech for short).

The oil produced at Biotech is of such excellent quality it could well compete in the world market, if only UPLB could go commercial with it. But what UPLB, as an educational institution, is mandated to do, like other institutes and schools in this premier state university, is simply offer quality education and relevant programs in the natural, physical and social sciences and the findings from its researches and studies. It is up to the government and the private sector to look into the benefits that these could give to the country .

Multitasking

Recently, we visited the Biotech Institute whose many tasks often find it hitting several birds with one stone. Its research on virgin coconut oil, for example, not only aims at developing it for food security but also for its potential for human health.

Findings on virgin coconut oil should move our legislators to investigate deeper its potential as alternative fuel. We hope that, at last, it has.

The production of virgin coconut oil could perhaps be called one of Biotech's big successes. First of all, though it is not advertised, its virtues go the rounds by word of mouth, and so one could say it is enjoying its measure of popularity. The reason for this may be the integrity of UPLB's Biotech Institute since it is not a commercial enterprise and aims mainly to serve the needs of the country.

Dr. Teresita M. Espino, director of the Biotech Institute, explains that, in general, coconut oil is considered virgin when it is not heated, and when no additives or chemicals are used. Once it has been heated or "cooked," and other materials are added to the mixture, the natural qualities are compromised and the oil may no longer be considered virgin.

The production of virgin coco oil, says Dr. Espino, starts from the grating process, followed by the extraction of the coconut milk. The extraction results in the leftover coconut meat called *sapal*. This is mixed with enzymes that separate the oil from the aqueous matter.

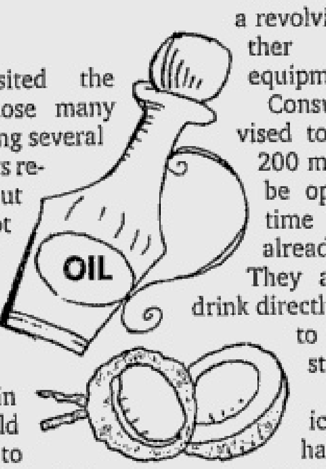
No heat

The separated oil goes through a centrifugal (movement away from the center) process and comes out pale yellow in color. This is the color one should look for in virgin coco oil. The entire process does not involve heat and takes place only in room temperature.

Dr. Espino warns that commercial manufacturers use heat in production but sell the resulting oil as virgin.

The shelf life of Biotech's virgin oil is one year, says Dr. Espino. But once a bottle is opened, it must be closed right away because exposure to oxygen and moisture will cause rancidity.

The product is available only in limited quantities at Biotech's laboratory, and usually to UPLB students and residents who have easy access to it. The public may be able to buy as long as supply holds. Proceeds from sales go into a revolving fund for further research and equipment.



Consumers are advised to buy bottles of 200 ml., which should be opened one at a time for the reasons already mentioned. They also should not drink directly from the bottle to ensure product sterility.

Studies on medical properties have found virgin coconut oil to be effective for a number of ailments. It strengthens the immune system, it is good for the heart, prevents osteoporosis, reduces risk of arteriosclerosis, helps eliminate gall bladder and kidney stones, protects the liver against alcohol damage and controls diabetes. It is also good for allergic reactions in children, tooth aches, and mouth sores or *singaw*, as well as helps improve digestion and nutrient absorption.

Anti-aging

As it prevents formation of destructive oxygen free radicals, it minimizes wrinkles and other signs of aging, alleviates eczema and relieves skin itchiness. It may be used for diaper rash and as baby oil. Biotech also produces a soap from virgin coco oil that can further help in keeping skin smooth and soft.

The Biotech Institute has leaflets and informative flyers to guide interested parties on these products. Dr. Espino may be contacted at the Biotech Institute, UPLB, Los Baños, College, Laguna.

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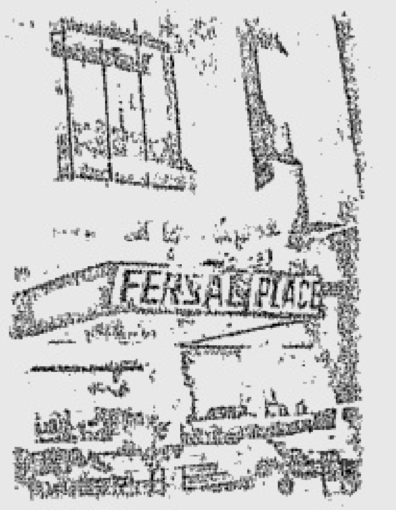

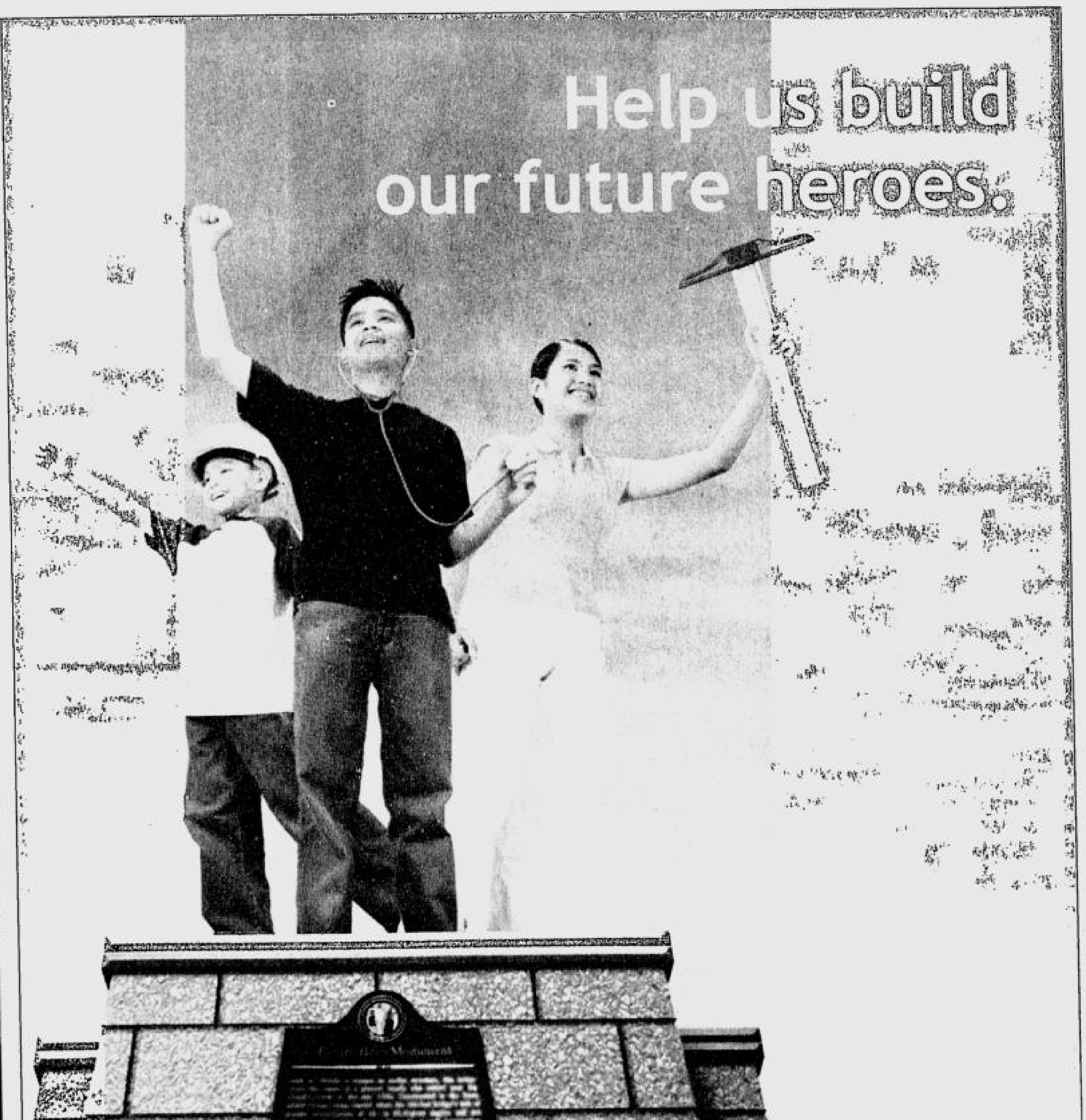
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Romance fading from May-December marriage

> 'What hurt most was when he told me to have botox injections and liposuction'

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I married a very young man eight years ago. Our age difference is 21 years.

I was already a self-made businesswoman when I met him. He couldn't go to college because of poverty and he worked as a "gofer" in a small company.

I was considered an old maid, a loner who was swept off my feet by the attention he showered on me. I sent him to school so he could blend in my environment, and made him what he is now. I even had him tutored in English.

We never had a child but he has a child by a girl he got pregnant in high school. I pay for the kid's tuition and other expenses.

We were quite happy then. But two years ago, when he became quite a whiz in computers, I noticed some worrisome changes in our relationship. What he found endearing about me in our first years have become a source of friction for us. What hurt most was when he told me to have botox injections and liposuction.

He is now constantly out with his friends on weeknights and disappears on weekends when we are supposed to do things together. I was told he was involved with a girl nearer his age who also worked in his office.

This past year I found myself alone often. He told me once I was lucky he still came home to me.

I somehow knew this was going to happen. I just didn't realize it would be this soon. I truly love him and am willing to do anything for him.

WRINKLED LADY

Love is blind. And life sucks sometimes, doesn't it? What starts out as fabulously romantic, exciting and wonderful, transforms into pain in the wink of an eye. Just tells you that nothing is permanent in this world except the word itself—permanent.

What more can you do for him? His true color has emerged and now that it's out, he cannot hide it anymore. If he truly loved you from the start, he would have been blind to all the "botox-ables" and "liposuction-ables" about you! He would have looked past the wrapping because he was in love with the total you!

I know, I know. I am being Pollyana-ish about love, but hey, ain't that the truth? You cannot just mope and bite your nails! And you also cannot turn back time, which is what he is telling you.

If you have the botox injection or liposuction, it should be because you want to, not because you have to. After those procedures are done, what else will he tell you to change? Your last will and testament, perhaps?

Be thankful for the lesson you learned as a naïve "old maid," however painful. The love you found was a transient, fleeting, happiness.

If it's over and it's making you so unhappy now, don't wallow in misery a minute longer. Look at your situation objectively and stop giving excuses to hold on to him. Don't let this creep abase you.

Rein in your emotions so you don't feel sorry for yourself. Reinforce your self-image by telling yourself you're great, you're good, you're accomplished. You're successful in your career.

That creep of a husband doesn't deserve you not only because he has remained a frog after you've kissed him and done all you could to make him a better person. For him to hound you to make changes in your appearance is abominable. He knew the age gap. He did the math. How long has he been harboring these feelings and counting your wrinkles?

Keep your spirit up—eat out, go to gigs with kindred spirits, travel, take up a time-consuming hobby, and do anything that will help you keep your sanity.

You will miss this guy and all the things you do together. That's human! Aren't we such suckers? Even in the midst of our misery, we tend to romanticize people and their bad habits, even as we are getting over them and flushing them out of our systems!

Just trust in the saying that time heals all wounds, because it does—*truly-ly*! Your karma is good and secure because you gave him your all. Now, move on. Life is too short to be unhappy.

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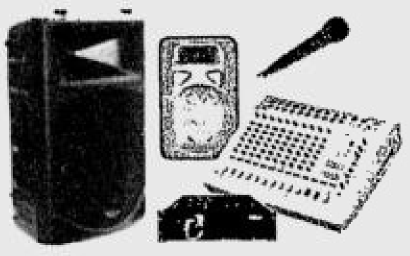

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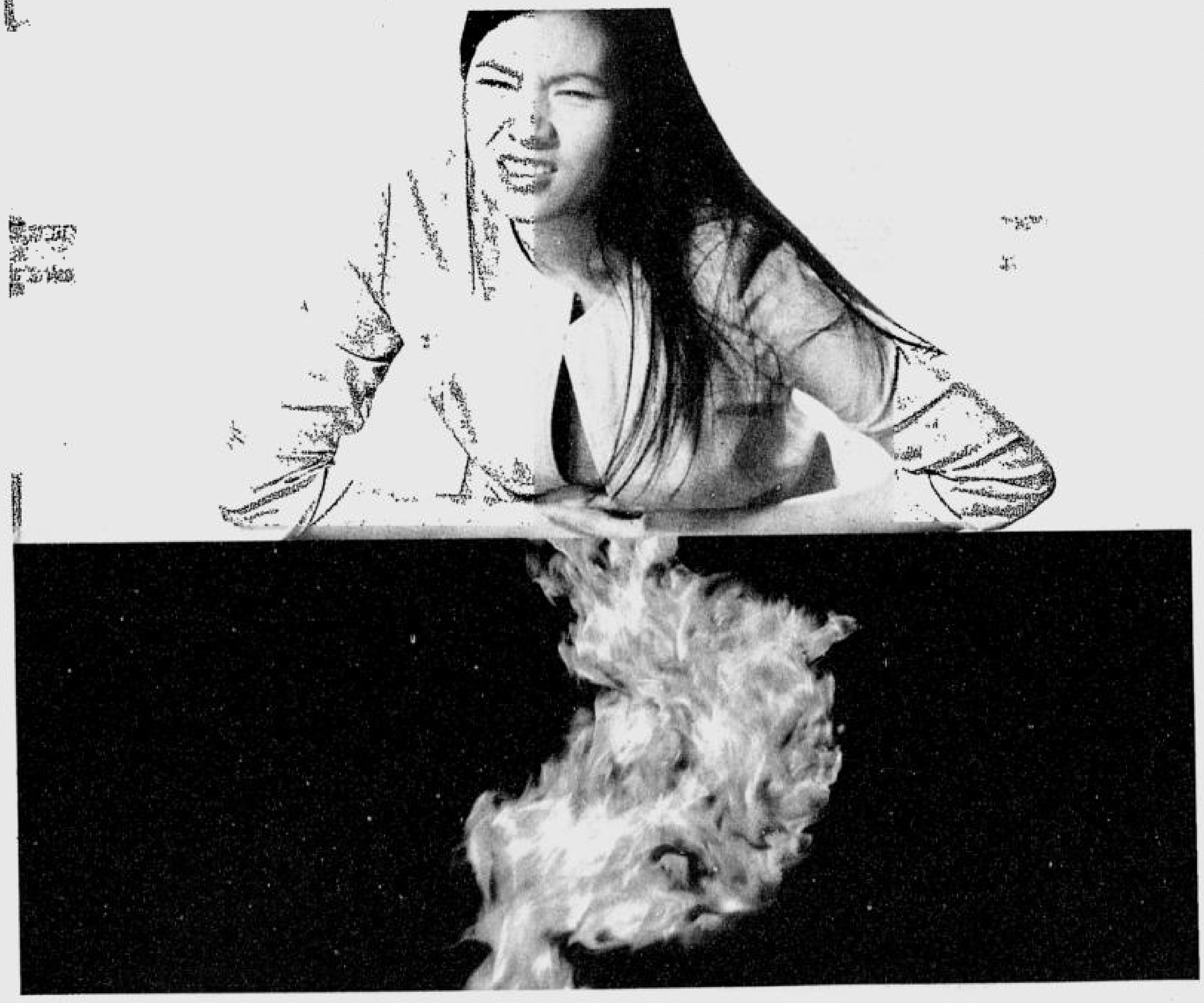

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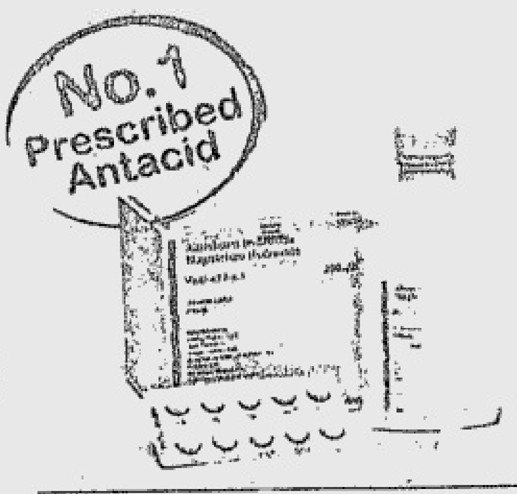

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GARCIA-SANTOS

Elisha Mae L. Santos, daughter of **Rolando** and **Elizabeth Santos**, will tie the knot with **Paul Michael S. Garcia**, son of **Patricio** and **Ma. Corazon Garcia**, on Aug. 27 at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception will follow at Peninsula Manila.

VALINTON-MARTINEZ

Ariane Princess L. Martinez, daughter of **Nonilon** and **Corazon Martinez**, married **Vincent V. Valinton**, son of **Murito** and **Violeta Valinton**, yesterday at Our Lady of the Abandoned Church, Sta. Elena, Marikina City. Reception followed at the Renaissance Tower, Ortigas, Pasig City. The bride wore a white duchess satin princess-cut gown, decorated with cut glass beads and pearls by **Totoy Madriaga**.

DIMAANO 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Christina G. Jordan and **Edgardo Dimaano** of Los Angeles, California, USA, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a dinner-dance on Aug. 20 at Bulwagang Makulot, F.A.B., Lipa City.

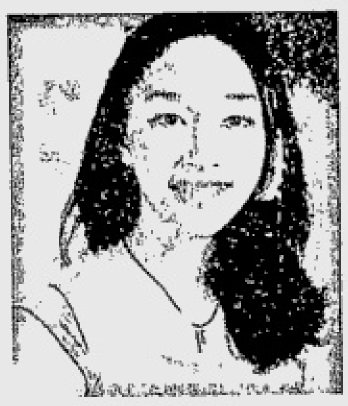
LUNA-OLAN

Joy Olan, daughter of **Jaime** and **Armida Olan** of Lipa City, recently married **Warren Luna**, son of **Perfecto** and **Emelita Luna** of Albay, at OLMM Church. Reception followed at Api Hall in Lipa City.

SERRANO-PAGDONSOLAN

Alexander Serrano, son of **Robert** and **Josefina Serrano**, and **Charo A. Pagdonsolan**, daughter of **Juanito** and **Teodora Pagdonsolan**, will wed on Dec. 3 at Malate Church. Reception will follow at City Garden Suites Manila.

They were wed in civil rites on April 15 at Las Piñas City Hall.



BRILLANTES DEBUT

Kristen Nicole Brillantes, daughter of **Nick** and **Gloria "Ching" Brillantes**, celebrated her 18th birthday on July 30 at Fernwood Gardens in Quezon City. She recently finished her high school studies at Aragon High School in San Francisco, California, USA, and will be entering the University of California in Berkeley in September.

ESGUERRA DEBUT

Monette Almanzor Esguerra, only daughter of **Luz vda. de Esguerra**, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at the grand ballroom of Dusit Hotel Nikko. Born and raised in Italy, the debutante is taking up nutrition and dietetics at the University of Santo Tomas.

Tears?

To whom much is given, much is expected in return. Having learned this early on in life from her parents, Kris never forgets who she is and what she can do to give hope to others even as she lives her dream. And because of her work—especially her gameshow—the joy of providence is a shared, daily experience for her. For Kris, hope stems from knowing that everything comes from God's abundant grace.

Wanting to give more of herself, Kris has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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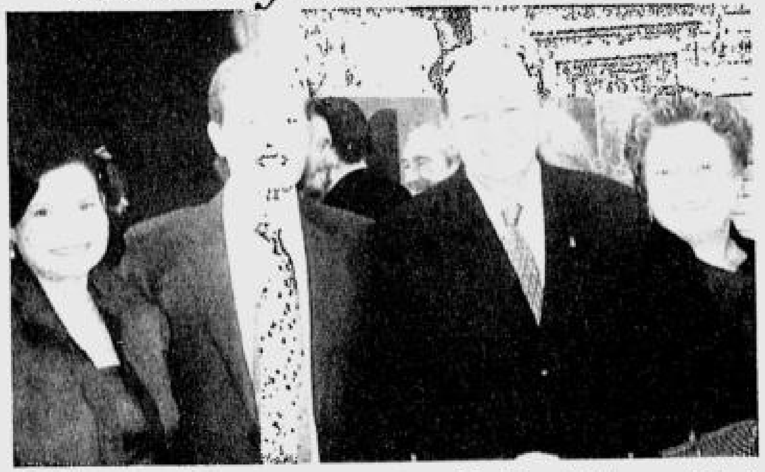
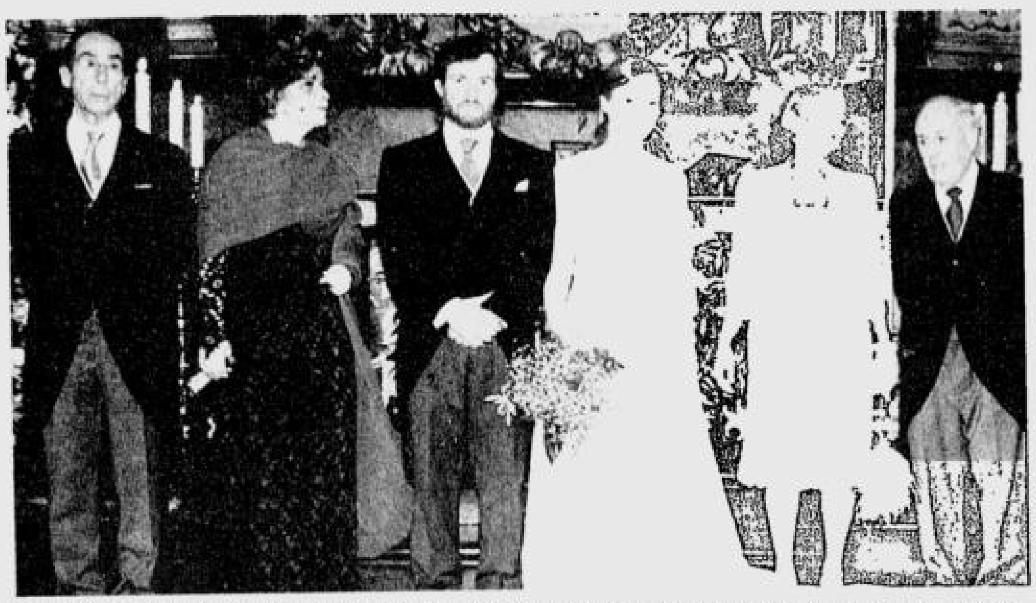


THE PHILIPPINE connection—Candy and Javi Ortoll, Jaime and Ceci Picornell. Conchitina took the photo, who else?

MOTHER-OF-THE-GROOM Georgina Padilla y Zobel (with green shawl) and sister-in-law Esperaniza Febrel de Padilla with her children Alvaro (left) and Beltran (right)

Trip to Spain marks 20th wedding anniversary



FAMILY PORTRAIT AT THE ALTAR. The sole *padrino* Don Jose Antonio Larraz (father of the bride), the sole *madrina* Doña Georgina Padilla y Zobel de Mac-Crohon, the bridal couple, mother of the bride Doña Ma. Pilar Solans de Larraz, and father of the groom Don Luis Mac-Crohon

CONCHITINA Bernardo

CAROLINA Aboitiz

THE TWINS—Diana and Iñigo Mac-Crohon

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Jaime Picornell

MY wife and I got married at the Basilica of Our Lady of Pilar in Zaragoza, Spain. To mark our 20th anniversary, we decided to make another trip to Zaragoza.

But there was another important reason to visit. The children of some dear friends were getting married there—**Gonzalo Mac-Crohon y Padilla** and **Elvira Larraz y Solans.**

She is the daughter of Don **Antonio** and Doña **Pilar** (née Solans) **Larraz,** both from very distinguished families in Zaragoza. He is the son of Madrid residents Don **Luis Mac-Crohon y Garay** and the former Doña **Georgina Padilla y Zobel de Ayala.**

Chosen for the wedding was the 12th-century Baroque church of the Real Seminario de San Carlos which, in Zaragoza, is ranked right after the Basilica del Pilar and the Cathedral of La Seo. Elvira's parents were also married there.

The ceremony, set at 1 p.m., was a veritable concert by the Chamber Chorale of the Auditorio de Zaragoza. Filipinos in the congregation almost cried when the choral group intoned "No mas Amor que El Tuyo." Beautiful Philippine hymns were also sung, as well as the anthem to "La Virgen del Pilar," patroness of Zaragoza.

The bride, wearing a diamond tiara, looked like she had stepped out of a fairy tale. The tiara had once belonged to Gonzalo's great-grandmother, mother of Don **Ricardo Padilla.** It held the ethereal veil of illusion tulle on Elvira's blonde head.

The wedding dress was done by one of Spain's top couturiers, **Eduardo Ladron de Georgina.** The sole *madrina* was regal beyond words in a gown by **Oscar de la Renta.**

Gonzalo's witnesses showed his Philippine connections: his father, Don **Luis**; his elder brother, **Santiago**; younger siblings, the twins **Diana** and **Iñigo**; uncles Don **Alejandro Padilla y Zobel**, Don **Alfonso Zobel de Ayala,** and Col. **José Montojo,** aide de camp in the royal household of King Juan Carlos I.

Also a witness was Philippine Ambassador to Spain **Joseph "Lani" Bernardo,** who came with his beautiful wife, the former **Conchitina Sevilla.** She took a lot of photos, like Philippine consul **Cookie Feria,** who has Visayan roots; celebrated painter **Betsy von Westendorp de Brias,** and **Isabel Guevara Diaz Bedia.**

They all thoughtfully shared their photos with Georgina and some of those shots are featured in this column.

Present were Don **Alvaro de Salas** with his wife **Carmen Tornos.** He was previously the deputy head of mission at the Spanish embassy in Manila. He and his wife are both from Zaragoza. Carmen could recognize every titled guest present.

Among the familiar faces from Philippine society were **Monica Zobel Pla; Cristina Zobel de Suarez de Puga; Pilar Roxas,** with husband **Juan Arielza; Carolina Aboitiz; Javier Ortoll** and his wife, **Candy Jalbuena;** consul general of the Philippines in Madrid, **José Ma. Cariño; Mari Borao,** and many more.

Comfortable motor coaches parked near the church took guests to the reception at Torre del Pino, a 15th-century chateau-like structure. Tents were set up in the gardens for the celebration. Guests were plied with champagne and delicious canapes before lunch was served. This was superbly catered by **Art Bokado** from San Sebastian. Respected gourmet and restaurateur **Juan Mari Arzak** rates them highly.

The folkloric group Baluarte Aragones sang and danced typical *jotas* of Zaragoza, some of them with lyrics dedicated to the newlyweds. Everyone lingered over their coffee, and by then night had fallen. The sounds of dance music echoed from one end of the estate where the young people, and some young once, congregated.

Enjoying themselves to the hilt were **Amy** and **Carlo Evaristo,** children of **Frank** and **Marielis,** who went to Zaragoza just for the wedding. They were in the group of **Tamara Falco,** daughter of the **Marques de Griñon** and **Isabel Preysler.** In their group, too, were some of Spain's golden youth—**Alberto Comenge** (then romantically linked to Tamara); **Jaime Perinat,** who is the Marques de Alginet; **Fernando Ramirez de Haro,** who holds the title of Marques de Villanueva del Duero; and **Javier Ursaiz,** count of Javier (his father is the Duke of Luna).

Many guests of the El Leon de Oro hotel stayed at the bar up to 3:30 a.m. the next day. That's what we did with Javi and Candy Ortoll, talking about old, old times, when we were students at San Beda. Like many of the guys then, we all thought—and continue to think so—that Georgina Padilla is super!

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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7 Secondary list of options
14 "Scream" director Wes
20 Low bow of respect
21 Trample
22 Dwell
23 Start of a riddle
25 Take issue with
26 Class for U.S. immigrants: Abbr.
27 Square mileage, e.g.
28 Aficionado
29 Wound into rings
30 In deep water?
31 Riddle, part 2
35 Son of Cain
38 Seraglio
40 To be, to Balzac
41 Compass dir.
42 Madison's successor
44 Indy's Andretti
46 Plugging away
49 Riddle, part 3
53 Small orchard
57 Hood's gun
58 Dramatist Fugard
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60 Downpour
61 Other, in Oviedo
62 Riddle, part 4
65 Ovine baby
68 "Te —" (Spanish lover's line)
70 "Washboard" muscles
71 It may bring down the house
72 Wal- —
73 Riddle, part 5
76 "— human being!" ("The Elephant Man" quote)
78 Sure winner
79 "— -hoo!"
80 Baby grand, e.g.
82 Actor Erwin
85 Salon tint
86 Riddle, part 6
90 Eat away (at)
92 More miffed
93 Reef array
94 Kennel cry
97 Safety providers
100 Alternative to Keds
102 Nintendo nut, e.g.
103 End of the riddle
107 Kayaker's pair
109 Wickerwork willows
110 Attila, e.g.
111 Lollobrigida or Gershon
112 Prefix with conscious
115 Bill holder
116 Riddle's answer
121 Elite NFLer
122 401(k) alternative
123 Prosper
124 Subside
125 Picked up the tab
126 Stage whispers

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2 Stadium cheers
3 Airline to Tel Aviv
4 Tit for —
5 Was still in the running for
6 "... to form — perfect Union ..."
7 Old Greek porch
8 Neighbor of Braz.
9 Casino transaction
10 — -jongg
11 Instruct morally
12 Anonymous
13 Make less ravelly
14 With 19-Down, sweater maker's tool
15 Transplant
16 Jellied garnish
17 Cello relatives
18 Ill-fated Fords
19 See 14-Down
24 "Uh-huh"
30 Ranch unit
31 Fishing line
32 Wife of Zeus
33 Islamic chief
34 Fat unit
35 Online 'zine
36 Star burst
37 "Step —!"
39 BBs and bullets
43 Get on board
45 Weapons — destruction
47 "— Rhythm"
48 Shock to the system
50 "Oh, give me — ..."
51 Savings acct. accrual
52 Choir site
54 Creole vegetable
55 Zig or zag
56 Formerly, formerly
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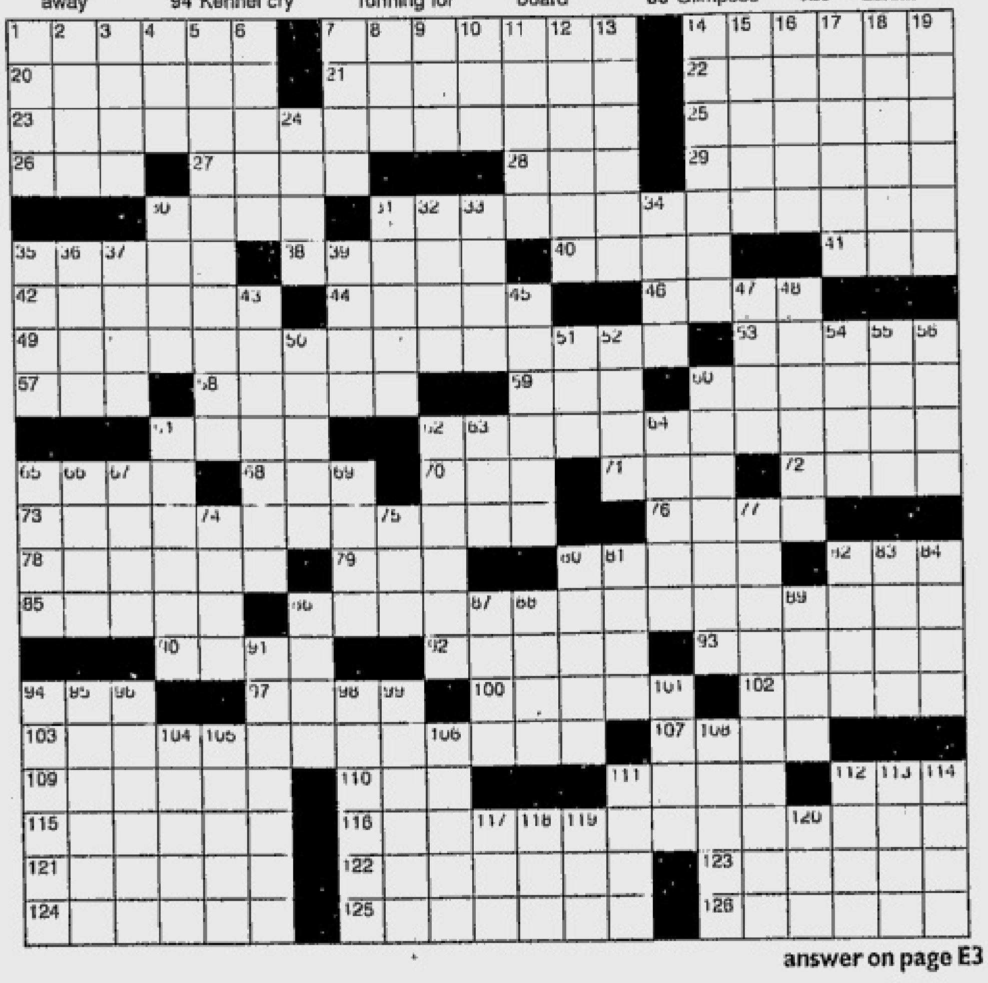

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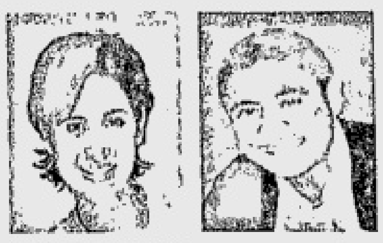

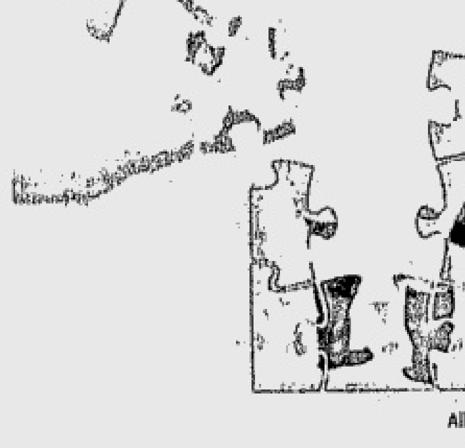

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Baddeo at 19 plays it safe

By going minimalist, the designer may be springing a surprise when he celebrates his 20th year in 2006

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Karl Sumbeling

EDDIE Baddeo marked his 19th year in the business with a bridal show recently at the Rockwell Tent. The collection, although short on surprises, had its share of inspired pieces.

For the first time in recent memory, the diminutive yet indefatigable fashion designer chose to play it safe by coming up with a dozen or so permutations of virtually the same gown. Such a decision proved to be the show's main dilemma.

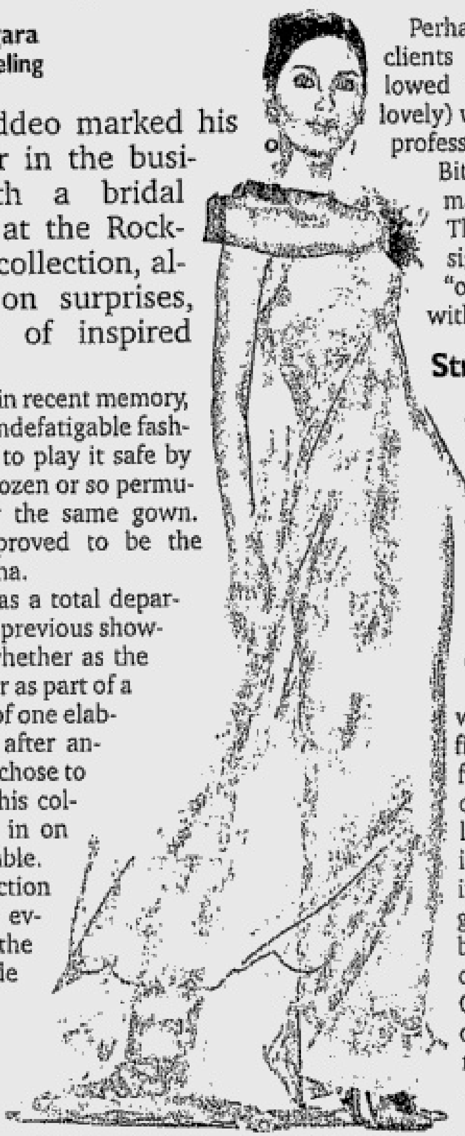
If anything, it was a total departure from Baddeo's previous show-stopping efforts (whether as the featured designer or as part of a big group). In lieu of one elaborate bridal gown after another, the designer chose to limit the scope of his collection by zeroing in on the wedding ensemble.

Thus, the collection has something for everybody—from the guests to the bride and her entourage and sponsors. Even children had their share of the spotlight. Oddly enough, however, their roles weren't defined because of the absence of such necessary props as flowers, coins and rings.

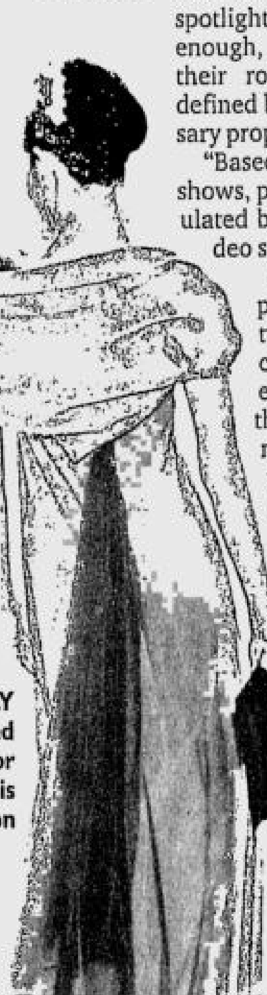
"Based on what I've gathered from past shows, people tend to get tired and over-stimulated by a surfeit of wedding gowns," Baddeo said.

He seemed to have achieved the opposite effect. Despite his attempts to tweak each gown's neckline, shirring, color combination and placement of embellishment, there was no denying the fact that he resorted to the same materials—stretched tulle overlay, multi-layered mesh columns and built-in Thai silk shawls—and the same silhouettes. There was little to distinguish the mothers from the godmothers, the bridesmaids from the secondary sponsors.

Embellishments such as embroidered scallop trims, ostrich feathers and dyed fur also appeared with the same regularity. And while Western trendsetters tend to favor restrained and "undefined" colors such as teal, topaz, olive, gray and amber, Baddeo was still stuck with pastels and bright jewel tones (his concession, perhaps, to the Filipino market).



EMBROIDERED scallop trim is one of evening's signature details.



FULLY covered back for this variation

Perhaps as a way of thanking loyal clients and supporters, Baddeo allowed "ordinary" (read: short but lovely) women to share the ramp with professional models such as Jo Ann Bitagcol, Kuku Trinidad and Irma Maglalang, among others. The strategy proved that his designs work just as well with real, "ordinary" people as they do with statuesque mannequins.

Strengths and drawbacks

Although their design sensibilities are poles apart, we can't help but compare Baddeo's bridal ensemble to that of Cesar Gaupo's, who chose to work on a similar theme earlier this year.

Gaupo's gowns were clearly defined and carefully edited. Baddeo's breezed through like a blur, their random quality and generic-ness threatening to turn supposedly couture gems into RTW duds. Even the brilliant and hardworking team of Eric Maningat and Sherwin Cervantes of Studio 546 could only do so much to define the models' roles through their hair and makeup.

Despite the drawbacks, the designer exhibited the same strengths, which made not a few of his past shows such a joy to watch. Baddeo trademarks evident in this show included attention to construction, impeccable fitting, astute color combination and penchant for drama (Shirley Bassey music and giant rosaries, among others, are staples in his shows).

In fact, three of the collection's strongest pieces kicked off the show and ended it: a pair of draped and flowing chiffon gowns meant for "guests," and an off-shoulder bridal gown made of hand-pleated silk organdy and stretched Spanish lace. Baddeo was clearly in his element doing a bridal number with a fishtail silhouette.

"I had to do several fittings to make sure the (wedding) gown's fit and fall are right," he said. "I had done some hand-pleating before, but this proved to be among the hardest. Once a line puckers, the rest of the section tends to bulk up."

For someone with a reputation for sparing no expense in his shows (he hires the country's seasoned models), Baddeo was mum on the show's price tag. Among his sponsors and supporters were All About Flowers, Ellen's Aesthetic Center, Sampaguita Savings Bank, JLN Group of Companies, Tiffany Chairs, RDH Entertainment, 77 Psalm Trading, BLMI, Arlyn de la Cruz of Net 25 and Al Galvez of Salon Infiniti. Raymond Villanueva directed the show.

This early, not a few admirers are already encouraging him to stage a bigger show next year. If Baddeo was simply saving his strength and creative juices for his 20th year, then he may surprise us yet with a more diverse collection brimming with the designer's signature energy and originality.

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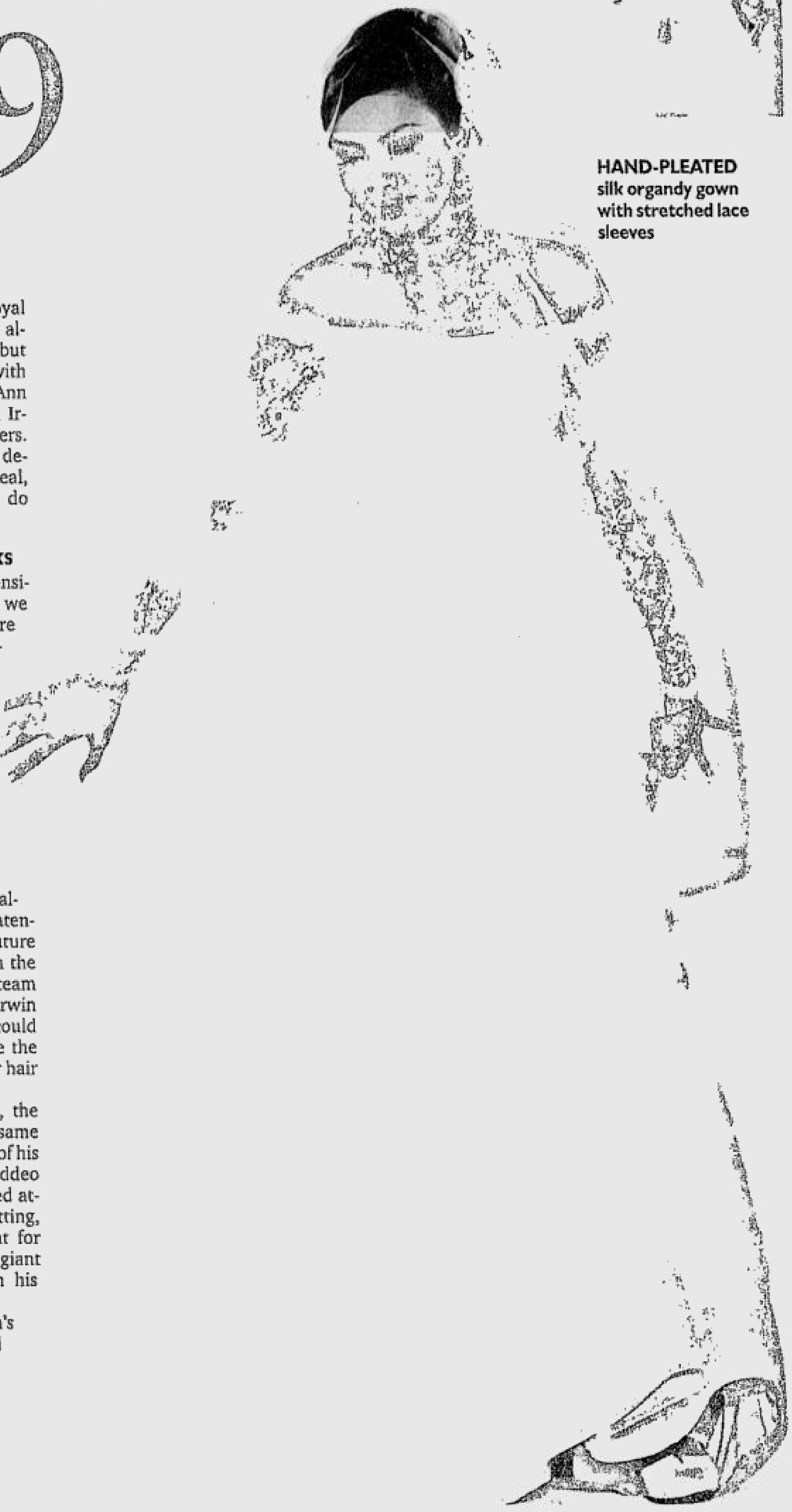
HAND-PLEATED silk organdy gown with stretched lace sleeves



TAKE a bow, Eddie.

CHIFFON number fit for a "guest"

FUR on the left shoulder

FUR on the right shoulder

Paco marks 406th year of Santo Sepulcro devotion

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

MANILA Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez officiates at the 7 a.m. concelebrated Mass today marking the 406th year of devotion to the Santo Sepulcro in San Fernando de Dilao Parish in Paco.

Like the Santo Sepulcro in Quiapo, the image of the dead Christ is visited by devotees who consider Him the last resort in problems involving sickness, lack of money and hard life.

Ursula Alturas Yu, chair of this year's fiesta committee, recalls how the Santo Sepulcro helped her and her husband Primo Yu with their rice distribution business 20 years ago. Their store at the corner of Paz and San Antonio streets prospered so tremendously that they were able to build a four-story building where their children and their families live.

In thanksgiving, Sol never says "no" when asked to prepare things needed for a successful fiesta, including the nine-day Novena Masses. This is her second time to chair the fiesta committee.

Devotees from Paco and other places attend the Novena Masses and join activities arranged by the Parish Pastoral Council and Msgr. Domingo Cirilos.

History

The district of Paco south of the Pasig River was formerly called Dilao after *dilao* plants that produced a yellow dye and were once abundant there. In 1791, during the governorship of Felix Berenger y Marquina, the words San Fernando were added to the old name. Hence, it became San Fernando de Dilao.

The district was founded by Franciscan missionaries. As there were then only a few missionaries in the city, it was initially under the jurisdiction of Santa Ana de Sapa.

The first church in Paco, dedicated to La Purificacion de Nuestra Señora, was made of nipa and bamboo. It was later rebuilt in stone under the direction of Fr. Juan de Garrovillas.

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MAIN altar of Paco Church

Rebellious Chinese burned the church in 1603. It was burned again in 1762 by the English who occupied Manila. Then an earthquake in 1852 destroyed the church. Another fire destroyed it during the Philippine-American War.

In 1909 the Belgian Mission took possession of Paco parish and, in 1910, Fr. Raymundo Esquenet had a concrete church built near where the old one stood.

In 1924 the parish priest, Fr. Jose Billiet, raised some P40,000 from Sunday collections and donations for a new and large concrete church for the district. It was, however, Fr. Godofredo Aldenhuijsen who got the church constructed when he became parish priest.

Employing the services of engineer Marion Karolchuck, a Greek national, Father Godofredo formally launched the building of the concrete church with a budget of about P200,000.

The church was built from 1931-1933 and formally inauguration in 1934. Archbishop Michael O'Doherty of Manila officiated. The huge bell, the pride of the pre-war Paco church, was donated by Father Godofredo's brother in Holland. It was destroyed in the battle for the Liberation of Manila.

After World War II, Paco church was reconstructed by Father Godofredo through donations and contributions from parishioners. In 1984, the parish was transferred to the secular clergy of the archdiocese. Bishop Teodoro Bacani became its first Filipino parish priest. He was replaced in 1996 by Msgr. Domingo Cirilos.

Pledges

The recent dinner of the Anthony de Padua Society at the Manila Pen resulted in pledges amounting to P1.7 million. Guests included Loida Nicolas Lewis, Reghis Romero, Louie Quisumbing of Norkis and Noel Oñate of Asian Spirit.

Bishop Joel Baylon thanked those present for helping pay for the P5 million debt incurred in the reconstruction of the St. Anthony de Padua Cathedral in Masbate.

Others at the dinner were Justice Leo Quisumbing, Minda Torres, Evelyn Umacam, Ambassador Tony Villamor and Grace Enriquez, as well as Frankie Aseniero and Deeda Barretto who will perform in a concert on Sept. 8 at the Manila Pen where Masbateños and benefactors will gather.

Cory Quirino hosted the program. Ramon Tan, president of Carica, pledged a P200,000 equipment that would help Masbateños make virgin coconut oil as a means of livelihood.

For details of the Sept. 8 event, text Tony Medina, chair of the project, at 0917-3894432.

Death anniversary

The congregation of the Dominican sisters of St. Catherine of Siena will mark the 294th death anniversary of founder Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo on Aug. 24 with a concelebrated Mass at 3 p.m. at Letran Chapel in Intramuros. Fr. Edmund Nantes, prior provincial of Dominicans in the Philippines, will be the main celebrant.

Mother Francisca is known to have interceded for miracles for those who asked for her help. The cause for her beatification is being studied by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in the Vatican.

Mother Francisca died in 1711, on the feast of St. Bartholomew, and was buried at the old church of San Juan de Letran in Intramuros. She was the first to be buried there. A Mother Francisca national marker stands where the church used to be.

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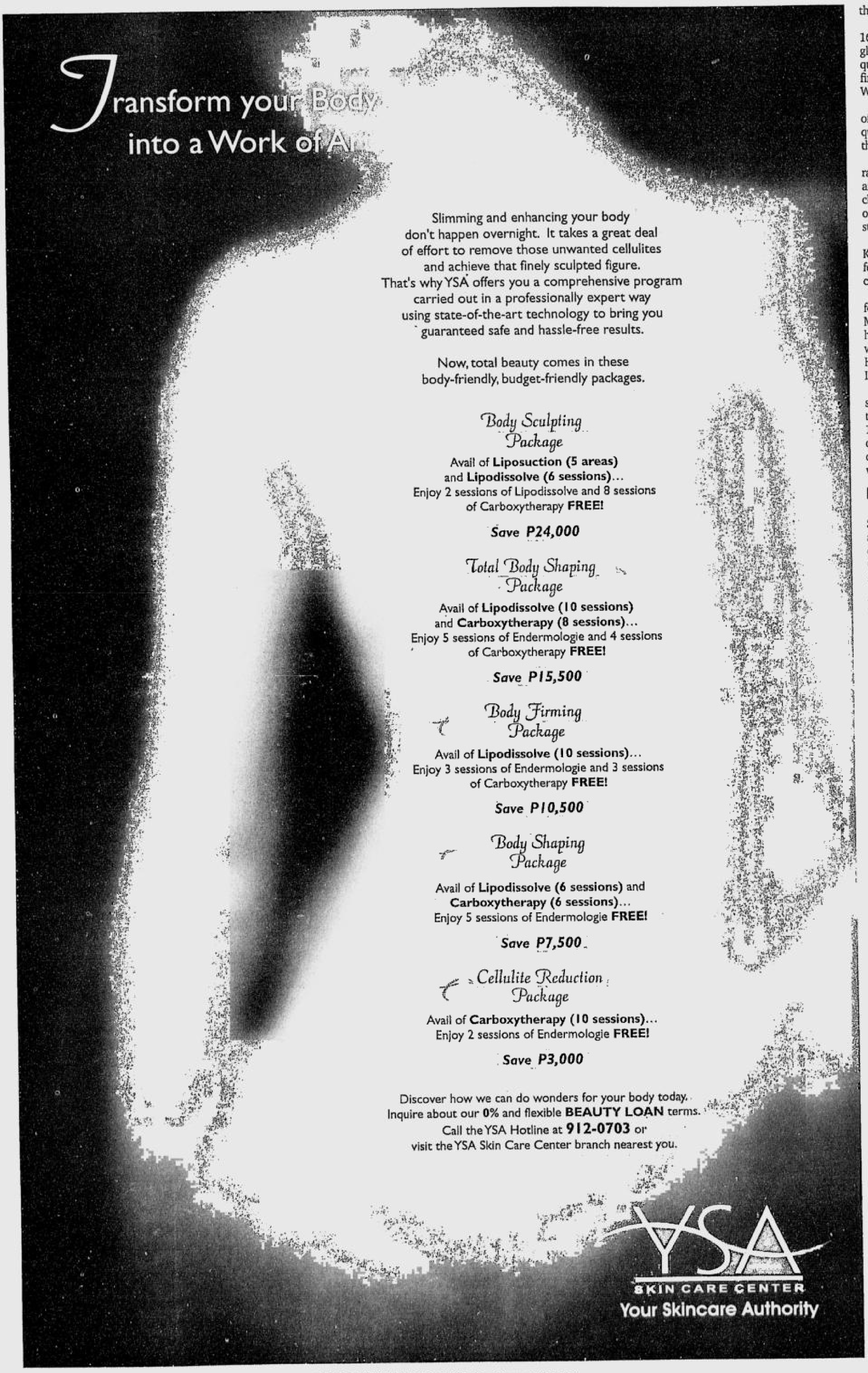

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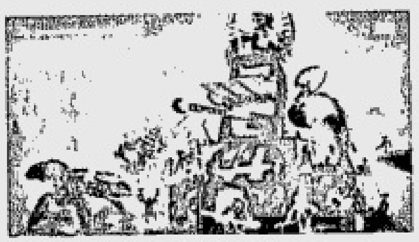

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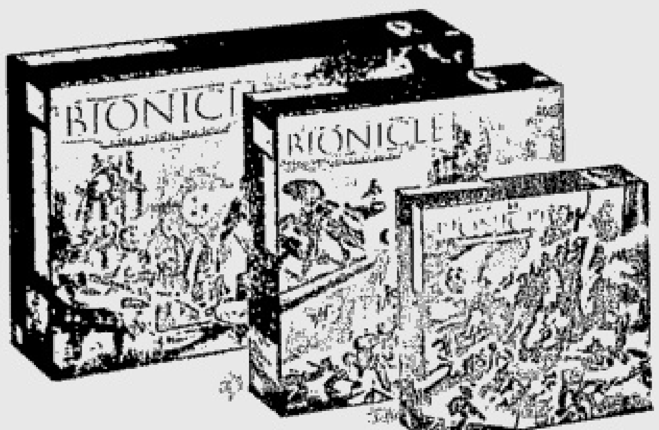

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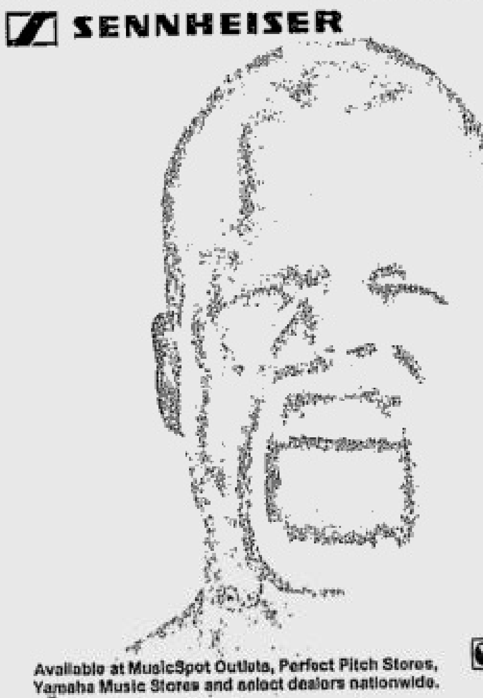

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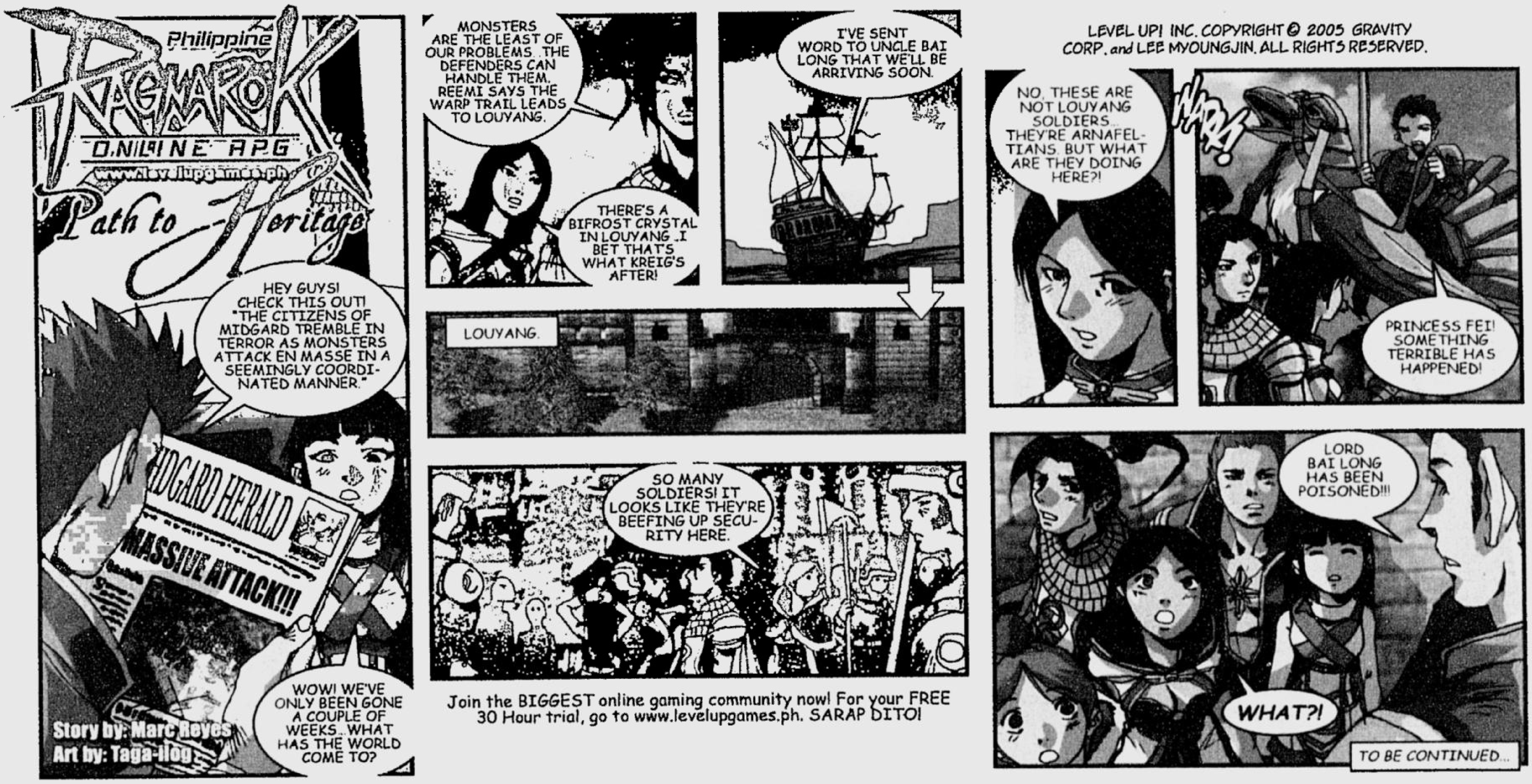
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SO MANY SOLDIERS! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE BEEFING UP SECURITY HERE.
NO, THESE ARE NOT LOUYANG SOLDIERS... THEY'RE ARNAFELTIANS. BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?!
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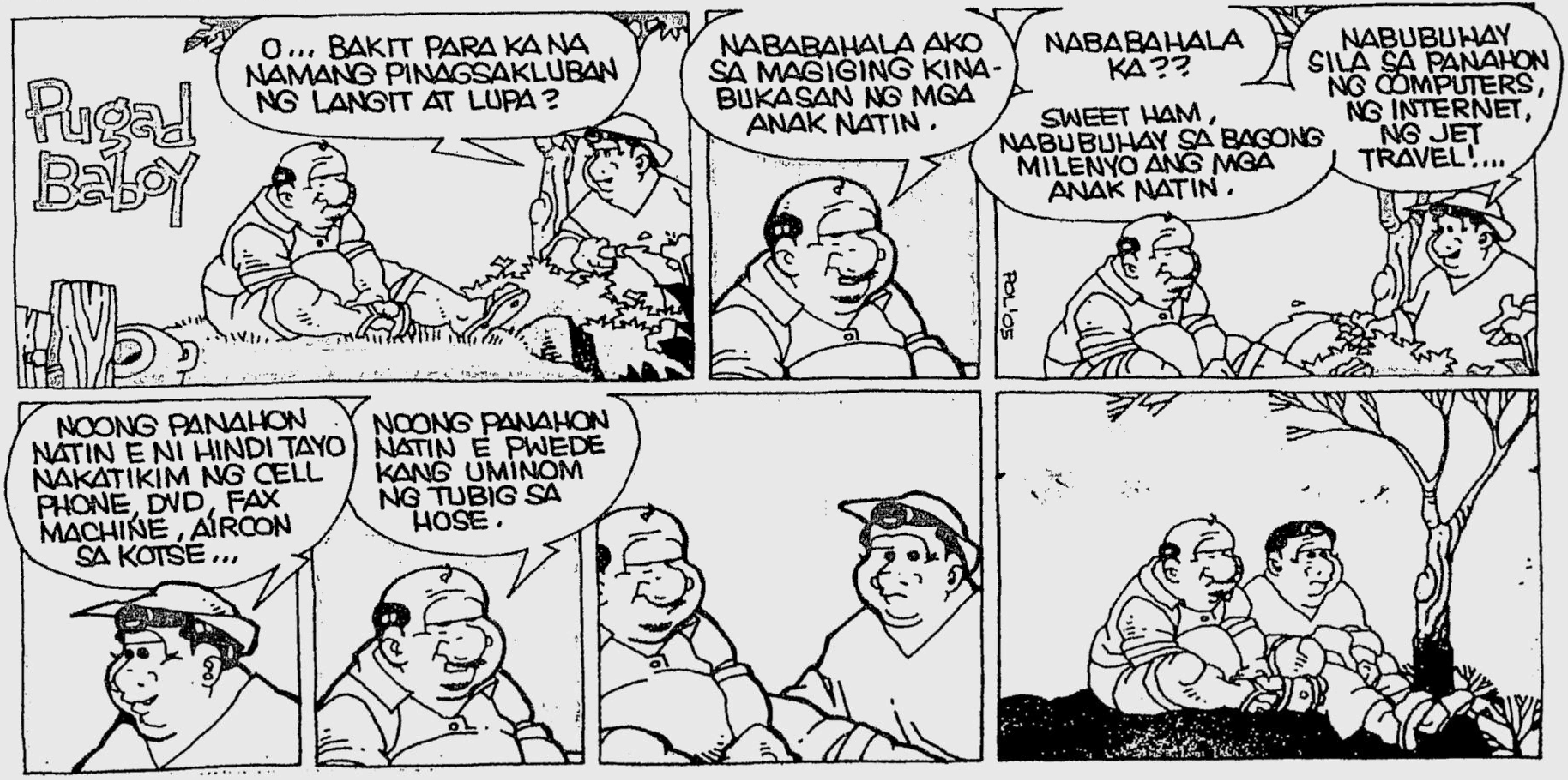
Pugad Baboy
O... BAKIT PARA KA NA NAMANG PINAGSAKLUBAN NG LANGIT AT LUPA?
NABABAHALA AKO SA MAGIGING KINABUKASAN NG MGA ANAK NATIN.
NABABAHALA KA??
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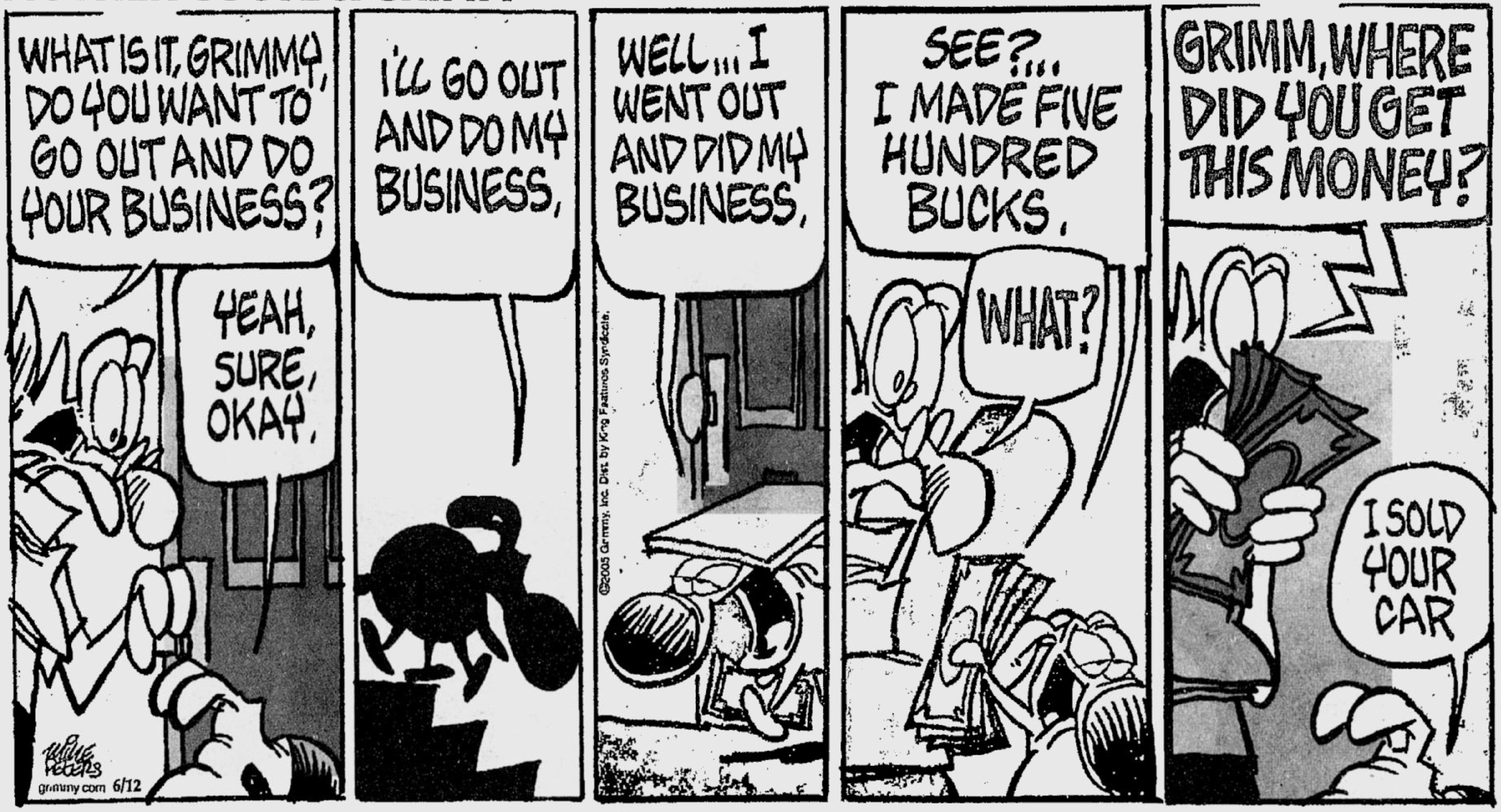
WHAT IS IT, GRIMMY, DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND DO YOUR BUSINESS?
YEAH, SURE, OKAY.
I'LL GO OUT AND DO MY BUSINESS.
WELL... I WENT OUT AND DID MY BUSINESS.
SEE?... I MADE FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS.
WHAT?
GRIMM, WHERE DID YOU GET THIS MONEY?
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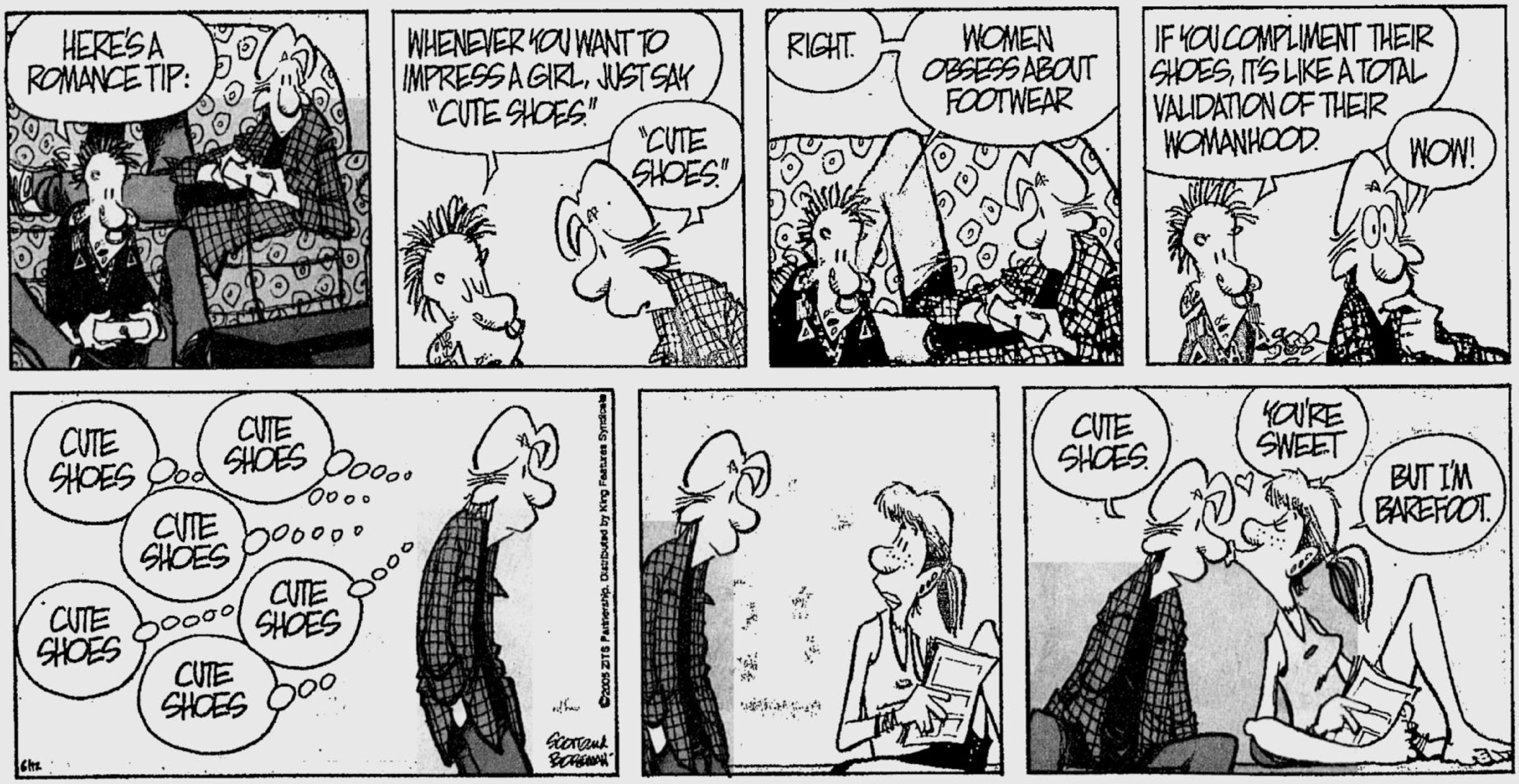
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WHENEVER YOU WANT TO IMPRESS A GIRL, JUST SAY "CUTE SHOES."
"CUTE SHOES."
RIGHT.
WOMEN OBSESS ABOUT FOOTWEAR
IF YOU COMPLIMENT THEIR SHOES, IT'S LIKE A TOTAL VALIDATION OF THEIR WOMANHOOD.
WOW!
CUTE SHOES
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YOU'RE SWEET
BUT I'M BAREFOOT.

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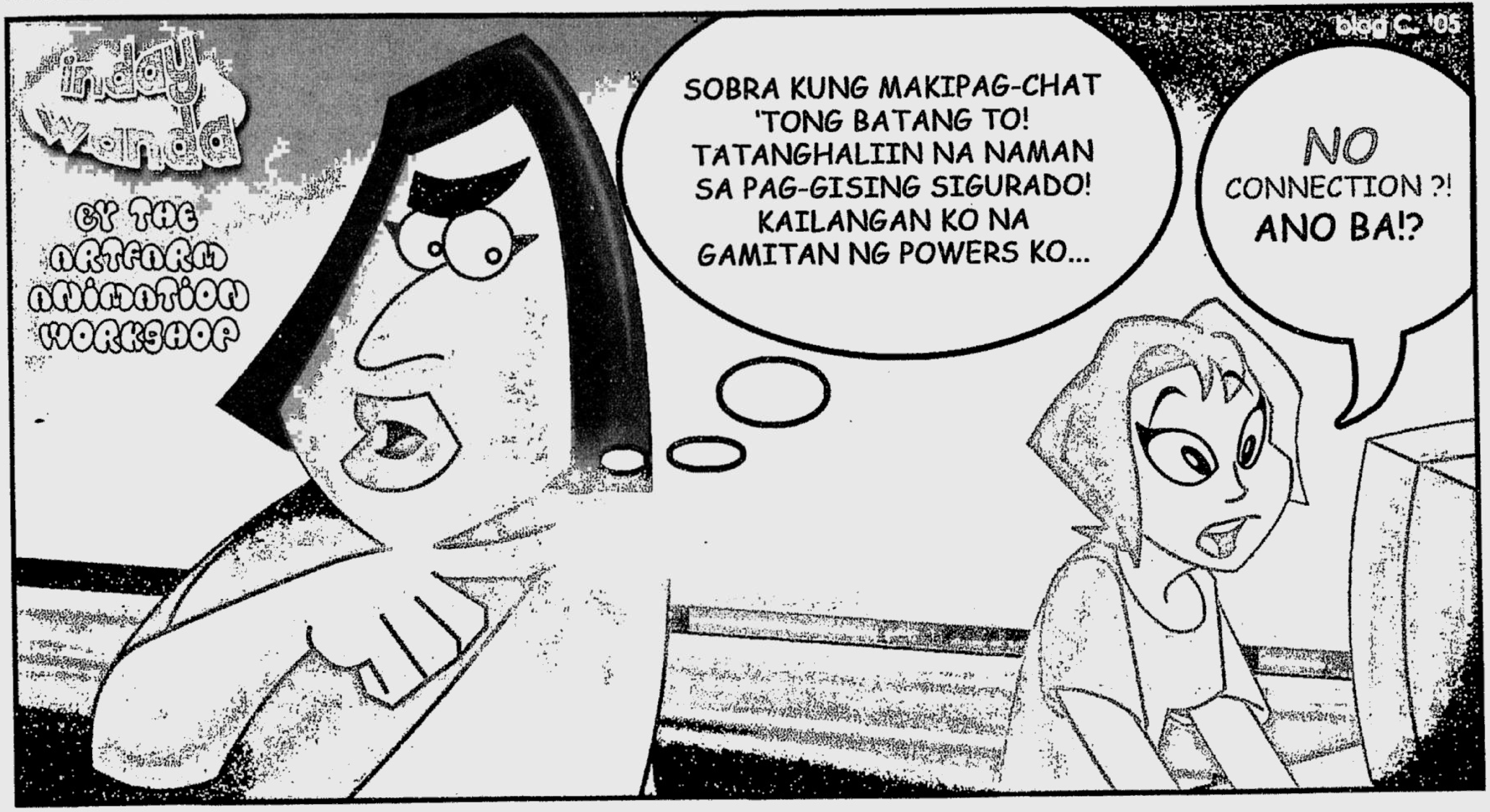
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SOBRA KUNG MAKIPAG-CHAT 'TONG BATANG TO! TATANGHALIIN NA NAMAN SA PAG-GISING SIGURADO! KAILANGAN KO NA GAMITAN NG POWERS KO...
NO CONNECTION ?! ANO BA!?

DARNA

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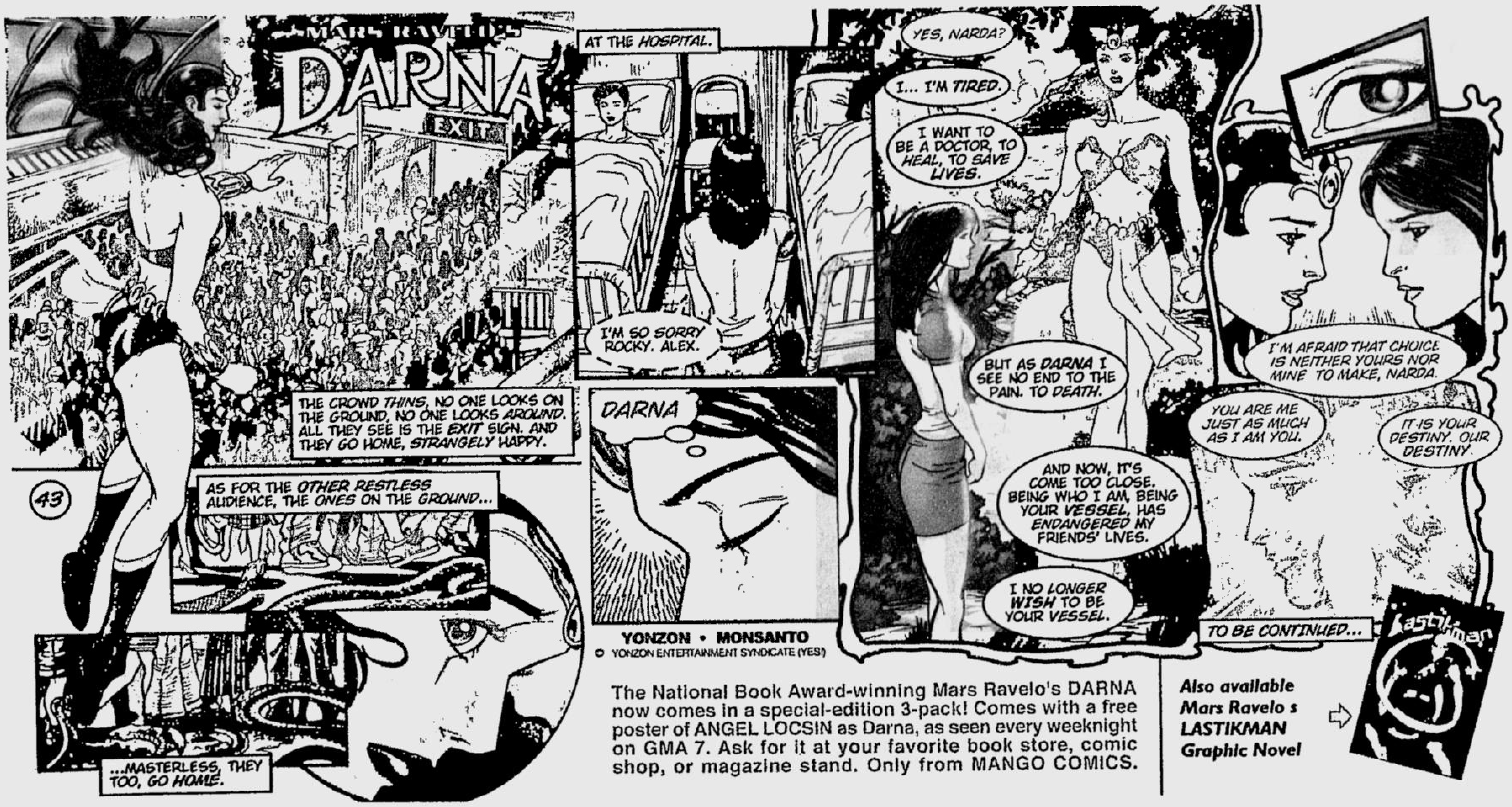
MARS RAVELO'S
DARNA
EXIT
THE CROWD THINS, NO ONE LOOKS ON THE GROUND, NO ONE LOOKS AROUND. ALL THEY SEE IS THE EXIT SIGN. AND THEY GO HOME, STRANGELY HAPPY.
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AS FOR THE OTHER RESTLESS AUDIENCE, THE ONES ON THE GROUND...
...MASTERLESS, THEY TOO, GO HOME.
AT THE HOSPITAL.
I'M SO SORRY ROCKY. ALEX.
DARNA
YES, NARDA?
I... I'M TIRED.
I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR, TO HEAL, TO SAVE LIVES.
BUT AS DARNA I SEE NO END TO THE PAIN. TO DEATH.
AND NOW, IT'S COME TOO CLOSE. BEING WHO I AM, BEING YOUR VESSEL, HAS ENDANGERED MY FRIENDS' LIVES.
I NO LONGER WISH TO BE YOUR VESSEL.
I'M AFRAID THAT CHOICE IS NEITHER YOURS NOR MINE TO MAKE, NARDA.
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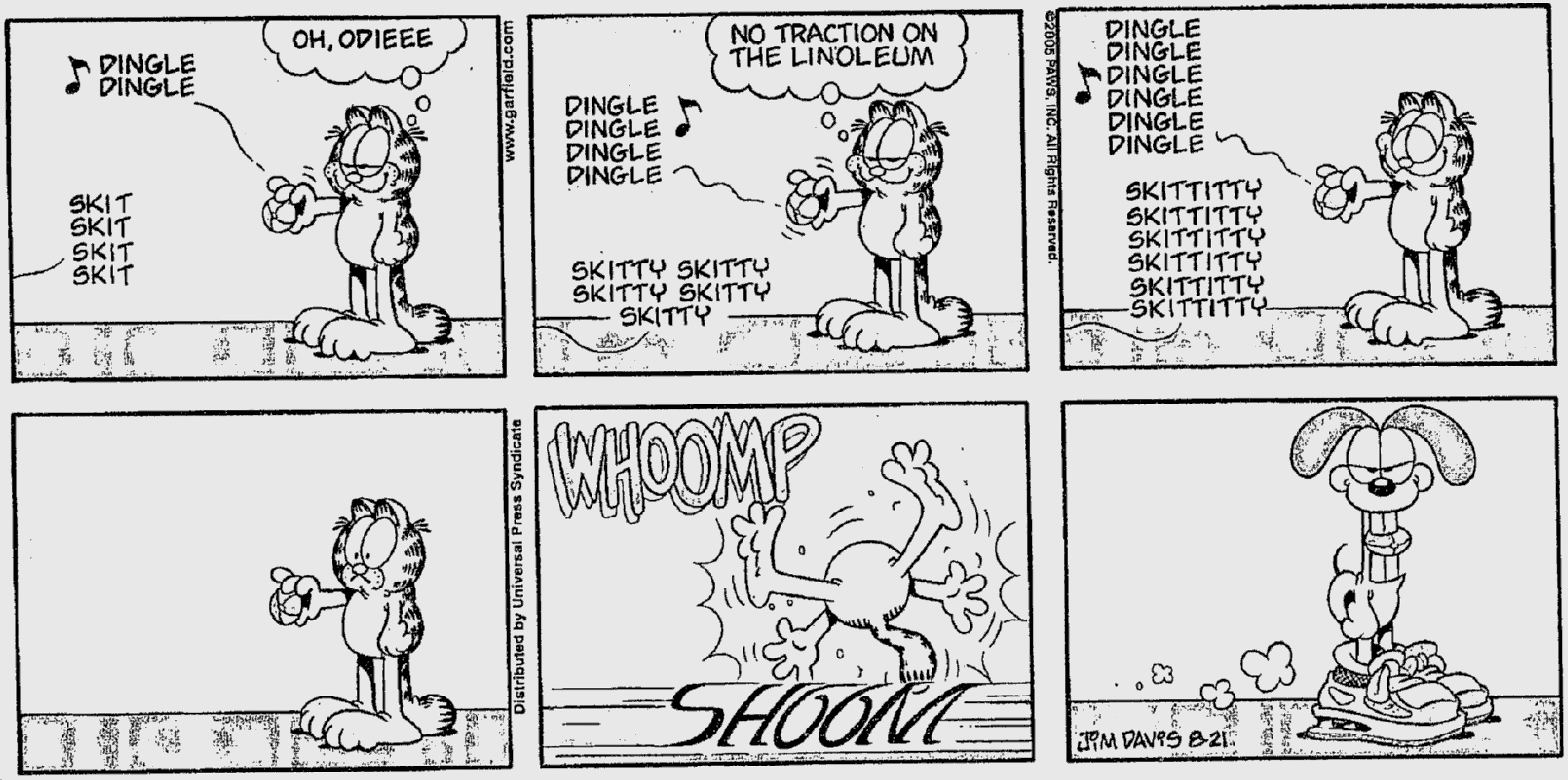
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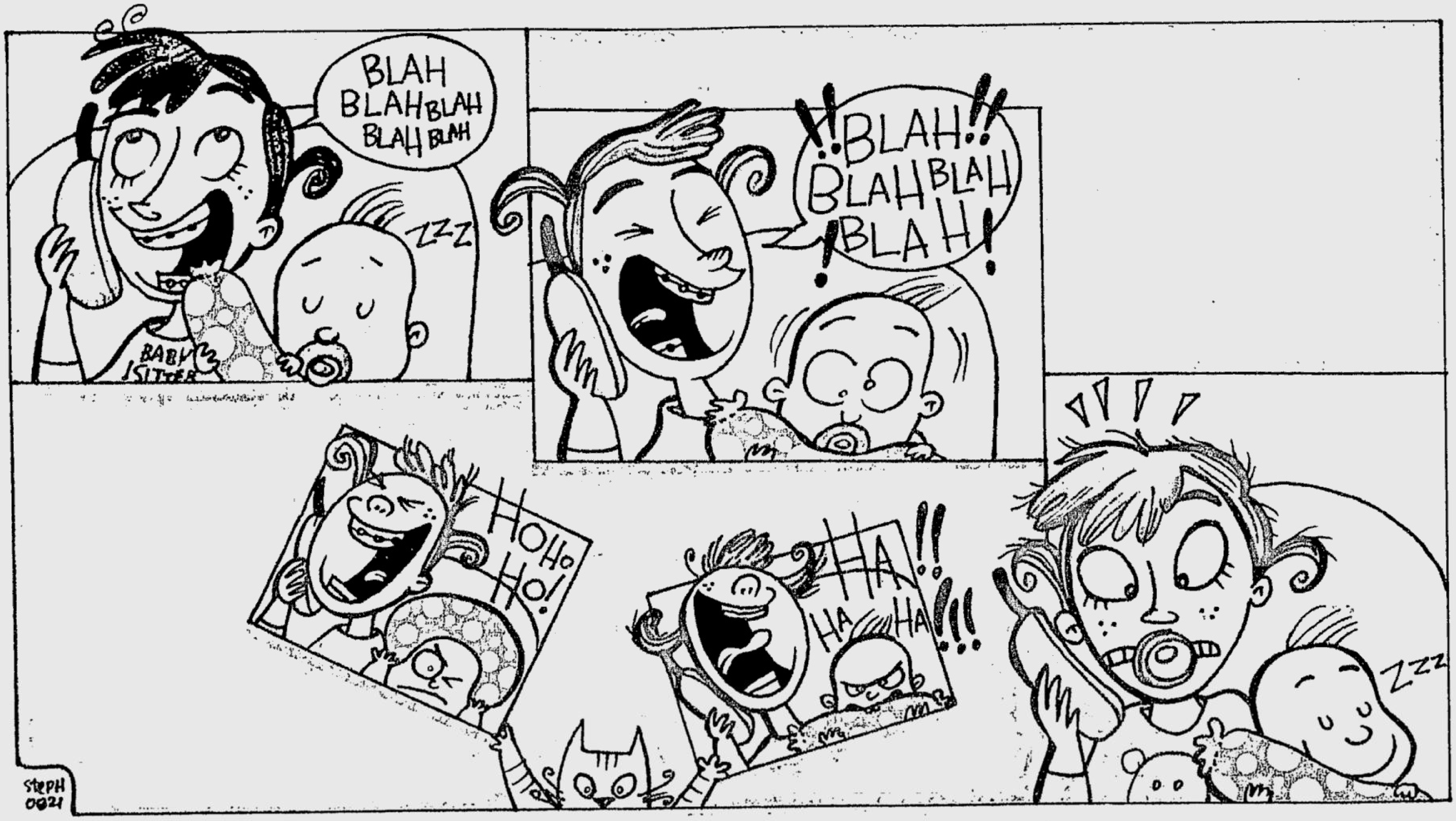
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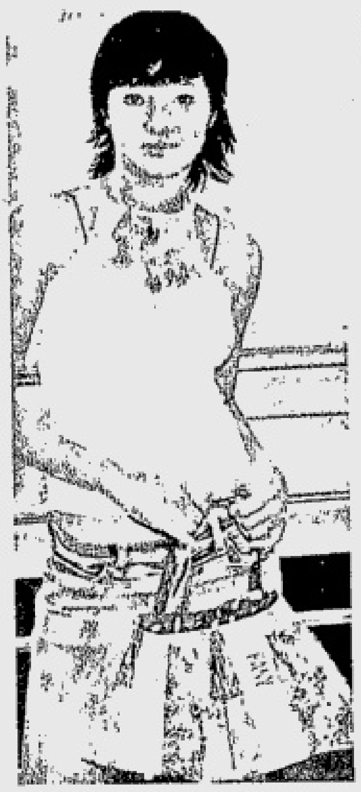
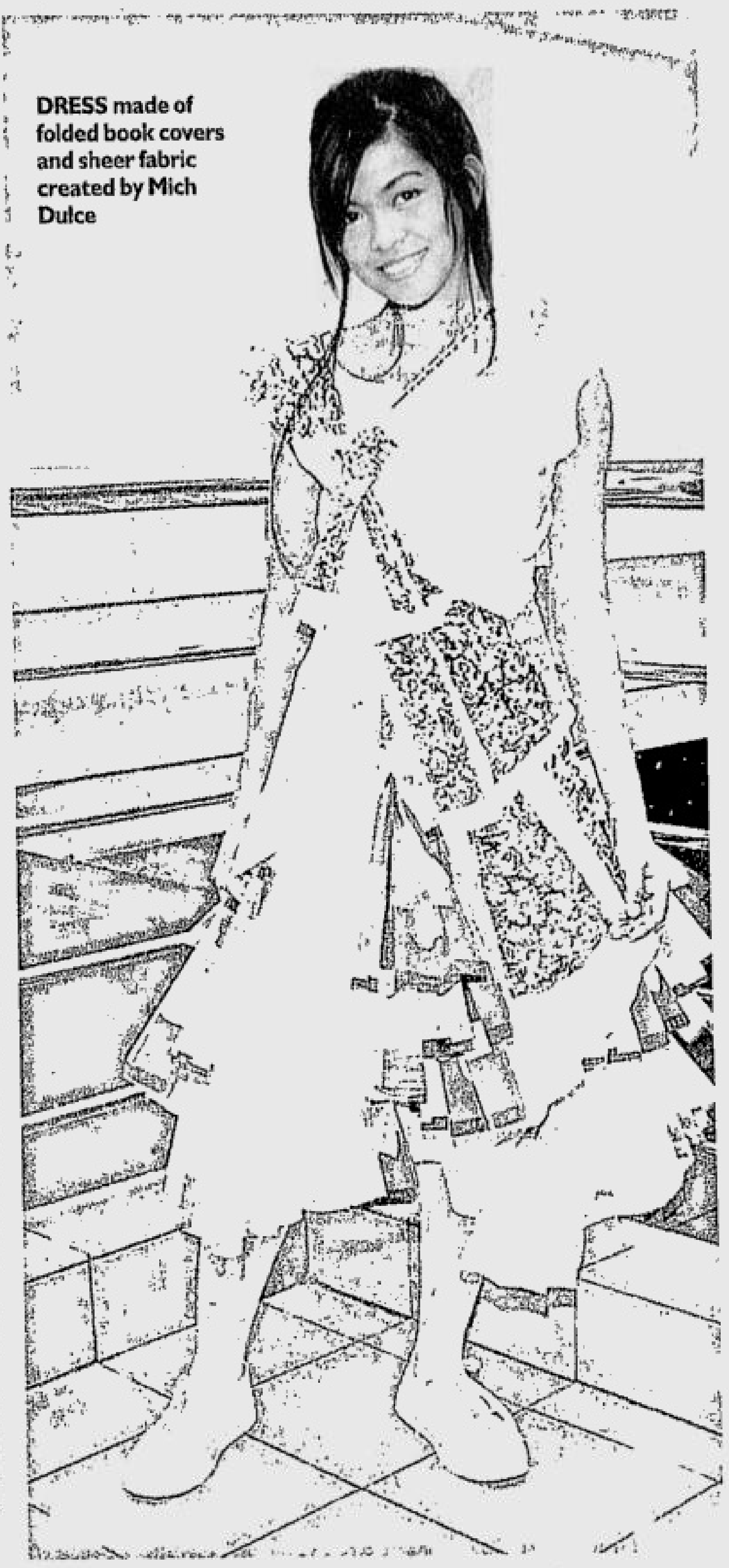


BAG and necklace of book covers created by designer Amina Aranaz

QUIRKY outfit by designer Cecile Zamora using cover designs and text lifted from books



DRESS made of folded book covers and sheer fabric created by Mich Dulce

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The unusual fashion show is just one of the many, often imaginative ways that PowerBooks has carried out its objective, which is to impart the importance of learning and of course, promote reading.

PowerBooks general manager Gabby Licauco, speaking at the opening, conveyed his passion for books and his hope that the new branch would serve as a venue to encourage more people to appreciate the wonderful world of literature and the arts.

"'Books are a delightful society. If you go into a room filled with books, even without taking them down from their shelves, they seem to speak to you and welcome you,' William Gladstone once said. The same is the inviting atmosphere we would want people to feel when they enter PowerBooks Shangri-La. Readers and non-readers would feel welcome to take a book from the shelves, read it, and as it speaks to them, make a book their own."

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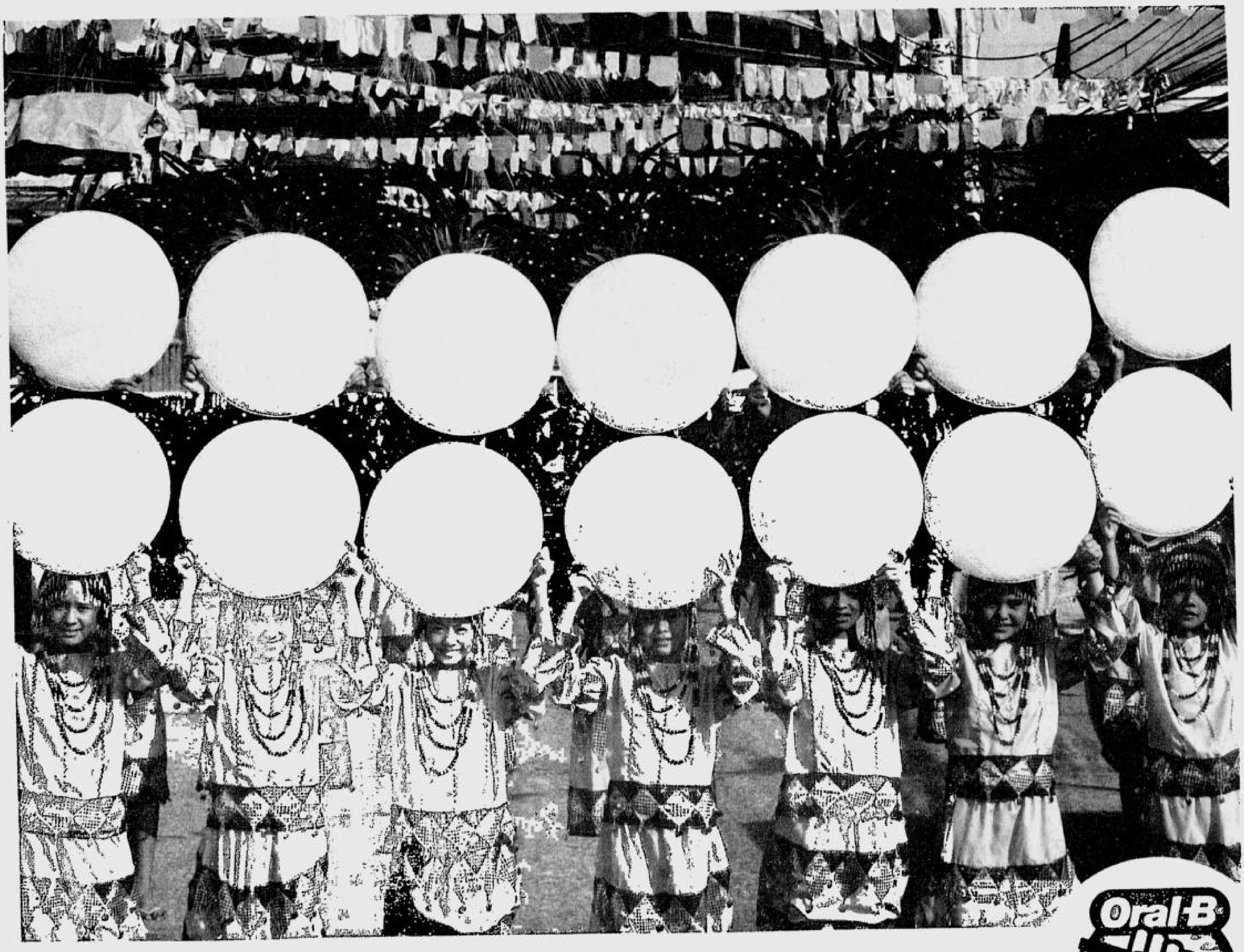

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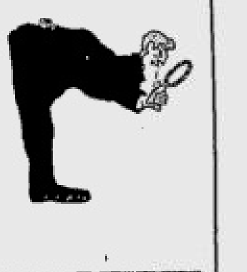

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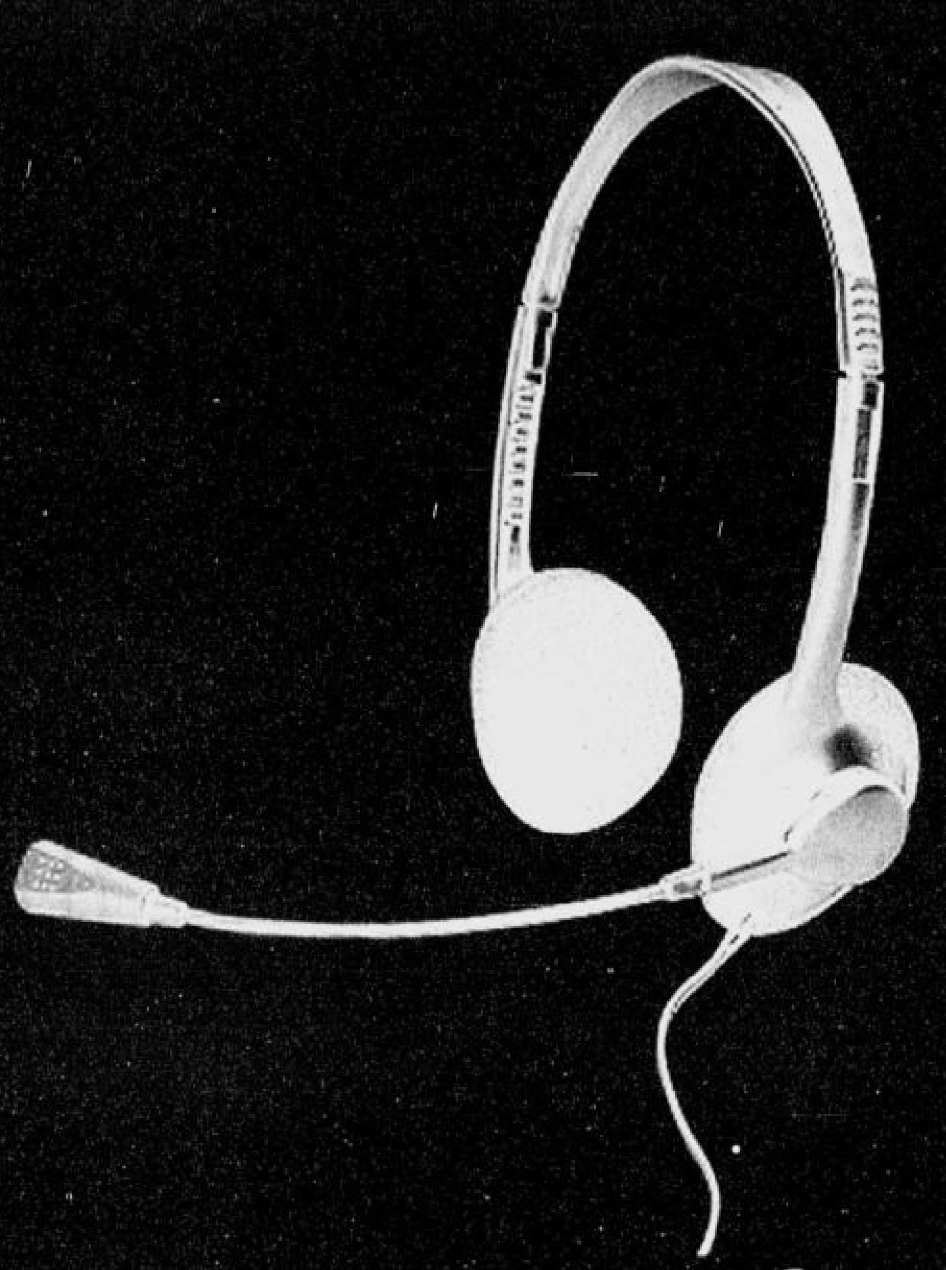

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SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICER

who will:

- Conduct staff training needs assessment, identify appropriate training courses, organize attendance and arrange study tours.
- Oversee and organize procurement of equipment and appointment of staff.
- Prepare and ensure signature of Memoranda of Understanding with stakeholder institutions.
- Supervise establishment of Geographical Information System (GIS), relating to livestock resources, disease incidence, smallholder animal production and environmental parameters.
- Contribute to the design, development and promotion of Environmental Animal Health Management strategies.
- Contribute to and assist in the preparation of monitoring and evaluation reports and meetings.
- Participate in project networking activities in the Philippines and internationally.
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Qualifications: University degree in animal science, agriculture, ecology, environmental planning, epidemiology, natural resource management or veterinary science; with excellent computer skills and working knowledge of GIS. Excellent report writing skills.

Language: English

Duration: 36 months **Duty Station: Quezon City**

Salary is based on UN standard rate for the Philippines.

Initial appointment of 3 months subject to extension depending on satisfactory performance and medical clearance. Application with complete resume must be addressed to Mr. Ramesh C.A. Jain, FAO Representative, and received not later than 30 August 2005 at the FAO Office, 29th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, or e-mail address FAO-PH@fao.org or fax 9010-361 or 9010-362. Only short-listed applicants will be acknowledged.

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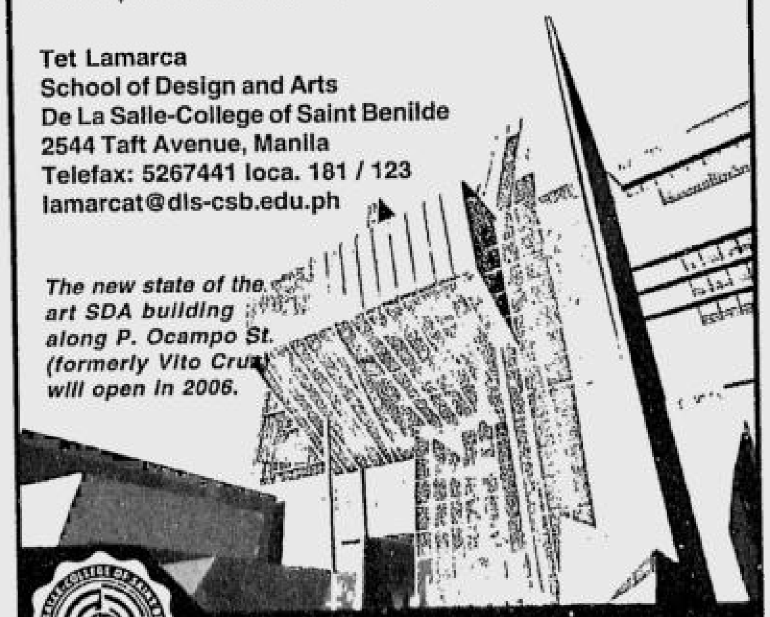

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Basic Requirements

1. University degree; a post-graduate diploma is an advantage
2. 3- or more years experience in engineering environment;
3. Proven track record in implementing projects in design, research and development;
4. Capacity of working in multicultural environment;
5. Excellent interpersonal and team building skills;
6. Strong communication skills in English;
7. Japanese language proficiency is an asset;

Technical Requirement:

Those who meet the above basic requirements, and have experience in at least ONE of the following fields:

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- Coordinating with users, software vendors and Office of Information Systems and Technology (OIST) on issues relating to the maintenance of CLASS and related systems;
- Assisting the department IT Coordinator and Controller's Department (CTL) staff in analyzing CTL's IT requirements;
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- Acting as Alternate to Financial System Officers in their absence.

Reporting Arrangement

The position reports to Head, Financial Information System (CTOC-FIS) with functional accountability to Financial System Officer in charge of technical support group.

Selection Criteria

- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level;
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- At least five years working experience, with minimum three years of solid programming experience in ORACLE SQL, PL/SQL and/or any object oriented programming languages (Visual Basic, C++), preferably in the areas of accounting, banking and/or finance;
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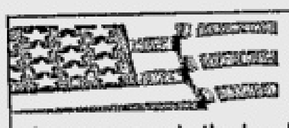

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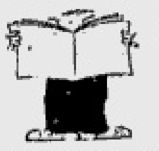

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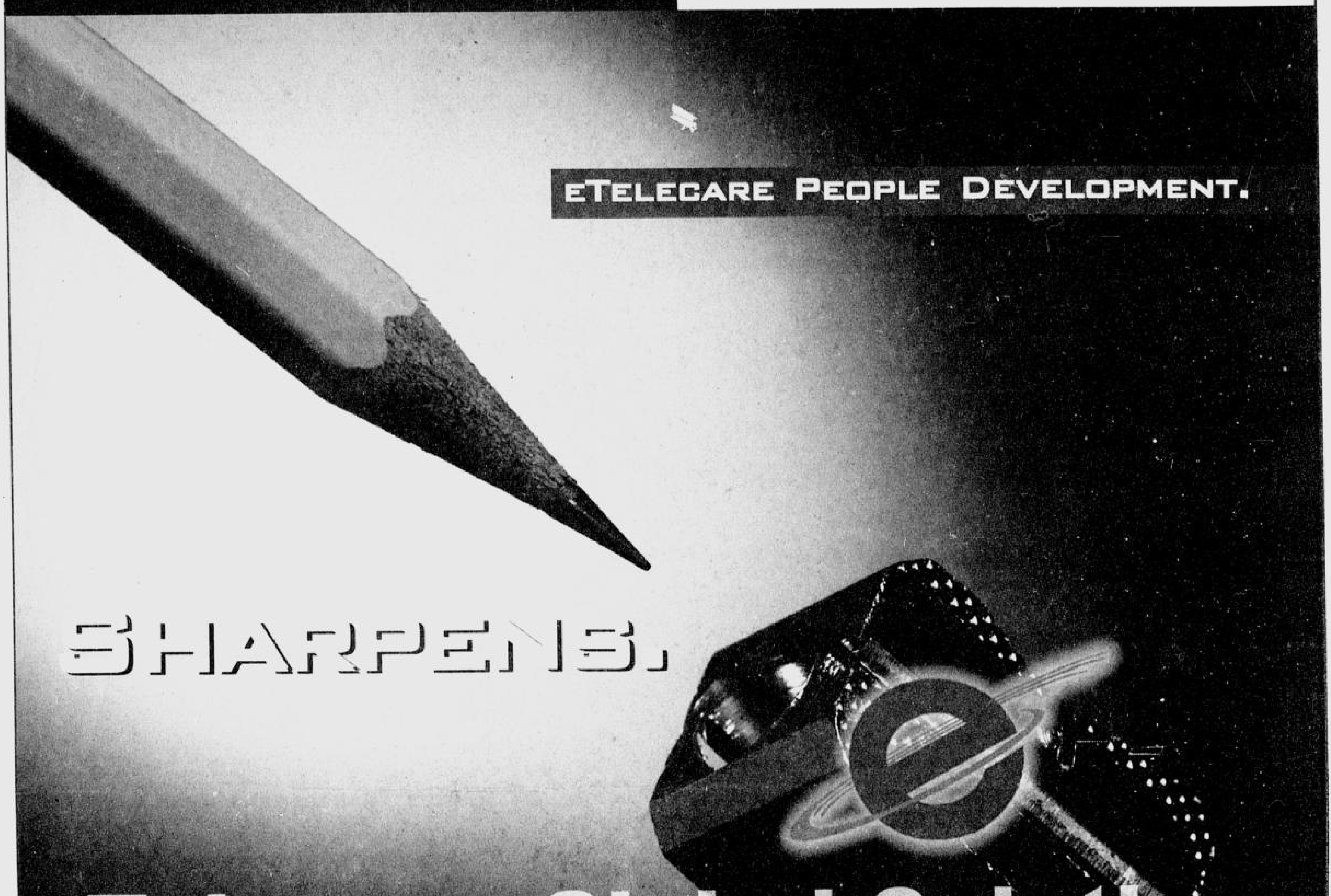

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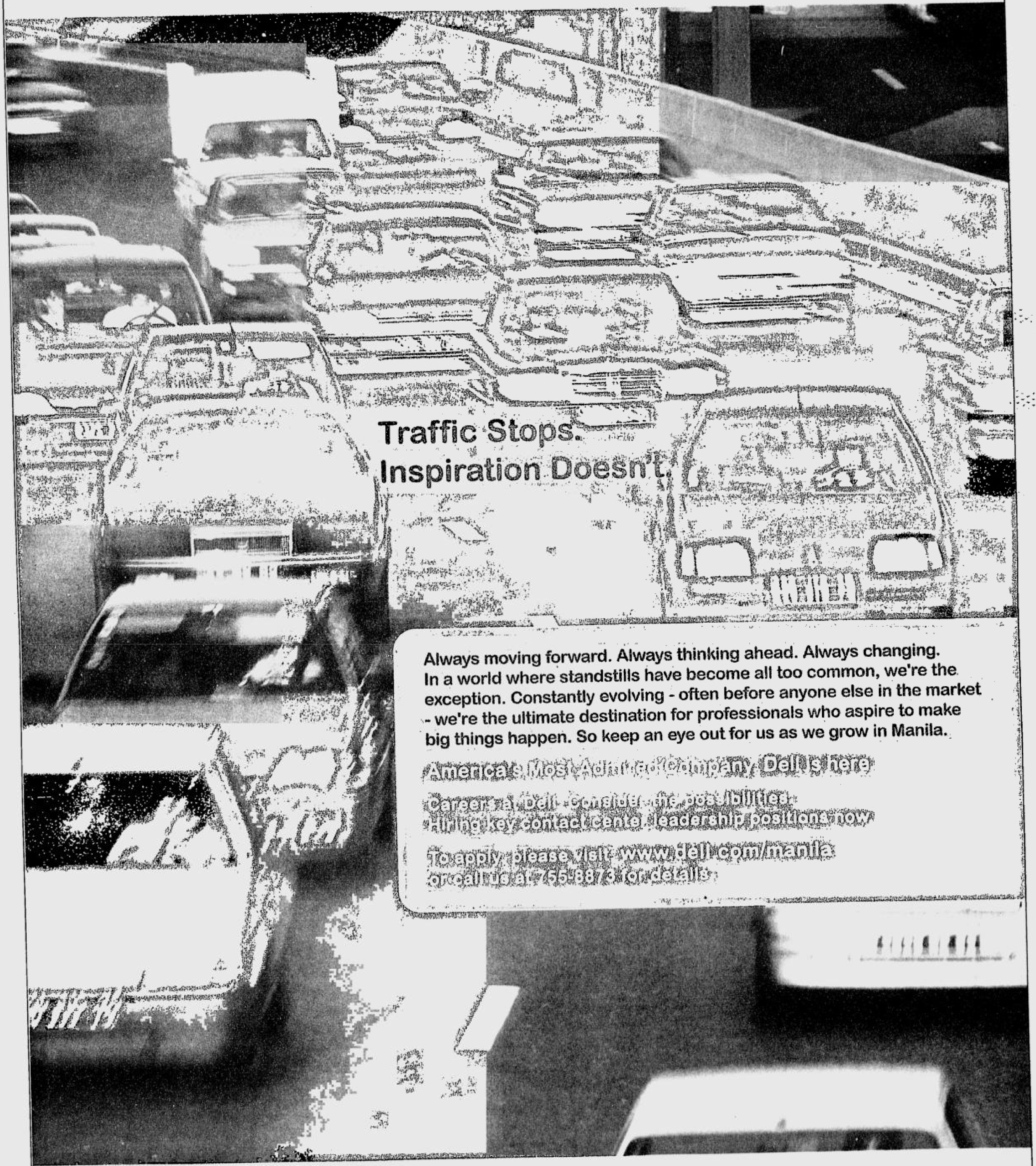

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SO MANY business owners work hard—really hard—just to break even or keep afloat. Each one of us deserves reward for our efforts, whether that be financial or personal. The question to ask yourself is are you directing your effort in the right places to get the reward you want?

Of the businesses I've seen and worked in, there are plenty of ways to "mis-spend" effort—that is, to work hard—but on the wrong things. Here are 10 of the most common areas where the return on your efforts can really be ramped up.

Marketing consistently

Once you have committed to owning and running a business, you must be equally committed to marketing and selling the products and services of that business. It is difficult, if not impossible, to stay and remain profitable without a commitment to ongoing concerted marketing.

To get more out of your marketing, create a simple marketing plan that includes marketing activity every day, every week and every month. Marketing plans combine formal activities (such as advertising, promotions and writing) with informal activities (such as making new contacts). Don't underestimate the power of talking to people about what you do. Use every opportunity, every time.

Asking for the sale

Isn't it true that we think asking directly for someone's business means coming across as pushy or obnoxious? But if we have this attitude, we are letting profit-producing opportunities pass us by. Worrying more about what someone thinks of you than bringing more money into the business is an all too common mistake. If you find it difficult to "ask for the sale," you can be sure that you're not bringing in as much money as you could be.

The most effective way to address this issue it to practice asking for the sale in language that you are comfortable with (not too wishy-washy please). Write down what you want to say first, then practice it over and over. There is also plenty of stuff out there on handling objections. Prepare your responses to the most common objections so you are well armed before you speak with your prospective customers.

Getting help

Most business owners possess strengths in one or two specific areas, but whether by necessity or design, they often end up working in areas they aren't strong in. This builds inefficiencies and potential for mistakes into the business. To compound the problem, we don't ask for help straight away, but struggle on doing the stuff we are not suited to (saves money right?) But each day that goes by with your business running at less than maximum efficiency, means money lost from your pocket.

Work out where you add the most and least value in your business. Pay someone to help you out with these low value added activities. Your time is best spent where you add the most value. If you can do more of this kind of activity, your business will benefit.

Using your existing customer base

All the research tells us that it is easier and cheaper to keep working with customers you already have, than to get new customers into your business. If you are not following up with past customers on a regular basis, you are reducing your profitability potential.

Develop strategies to keep your customers with you, such as loyalty plans, regular communication and special offers. Implement a regular process for following up your customers after they buy from you.

Managing expenses

Savvy business owners regularly appraise their business expenses and find ways to reduce costs without sacrificing quality. If you haven't completed a cost analysis lately, you might be paying more than you need to be, which will reduce your profitability.

Solution: At least once per quarter, review expenses and negotiate for adjustments as appropriate. Categorize everything you spend under three headings: essential, nice to have and non-essential. Everything in the last two categories are up for grabs—be ruthless!

Slick marketing materials

Glossy brochures and slick marketing materials are a nice addition to more active forms of marketing such as meeting people, calling people and speaking to people. However, brochures and business cards, no matter how beautiful, do not replace direct contact. If you are spending money on flashy marketing materials in the place of marketing directly, your profitability will suffer. The most effective form of marketing comes from you talking about your business to others.

Marketing materials are an expense, and to be sure they are working, you need to get some handle on the return on your investment. At the very least, you should be tracking where new business is coming from so you can get an idea of whether your marketing materials are contributing to any new business you get.

Low-return activities

If you are spending the majority of your day completing tasks which are administrative in nature and/or which can be easily completed by other people, then you are not putting yourself to best use. For most of us, the best value-adding activity we can be involved with is in bringing business in the door by building relationships, talking to prospective customers and promoting our business.

What value do you put on your time? Assign yourself a competitive hourly rate for the market and industry you work in. Then ask yourself whether you would pay anyone that hourly rate to process accounts or do administrative work. If the answer is no, find a way of getting these low-return activities done for a lower hourly

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'Dumped at 51!'

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made, restructuring will result in loss of jobs and/or loss of status.

Even among people who expected retrenchment, or compulsory retirement at age 65, there is always pain associated with job loss. Losing a job means not getting regular pay checks, not doing the tasks from which you had derived your self-esteem, breaking away from a company you had been proud to belong to and been associated with, cutting ties with associates you had enjoyed working with, etc. This is part of life, as you very well know. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.

No time for self-pity

What to do? You have a choice of nurturing your hurts and pain, indulging in self-pity, and looking for reasons which you may not find. Your other choice is to acknowledge the loss and the pain associated with it, and then set or "park" it aside. Then, change the way you think. Instead of "*Kawawa naman ako!* [Woe to me!] Why did this happen to me?", why not say "Wow! I have much money! Thanks be to God! At my age! I have an opportunity to use it and make it grow. And, with my skills and achievements, I can embark on another and better career!" Be grateful for the big amount of money you have, and the skills and wisdom you have gained from your work experience and from which you will build your next career, which could be better than the one you have had.

It may be difficult for you to get a corporate job at age 51. I'm not discounting the possibility that your age can be an asset to a foreign company which may want a small operation in our country or a family business in need of a mature and experienced person like you to handle its operations. Package yourself so that you look attractive, making age an asset, rather than a liability.

Update yourself

This is why you still need to update and improve your resumé. Take hold of articles in the Internet or books that give you tips on how to make effective and powerful resumés. Some things you would need to reflect carefully and write down in your resume are the following: career objective, career summary, key achievements, key competencies, work experience arranged from the latest to the earlier ones. For every company you have worked for, add the following important data: main tasks and major accomplishments in every position you have held.

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Prepare for job interviews. Again, look up the Internet or read books on preparing for successful interviews and know how to answer frequently asked questions during interviews.

Don't close your mind to an entrepreneurial career. Use your sales and marketing skills and network to go into business marketing and selling products and services from your own home. Keep your business small and focus on products and services you are enthused about and which you yourself can sell. Read the cassified ads in newspapers, browse the Internet, or read the tabloids that list business opportunities. You can even sell products online.

Planning together

But don't be hasty in investing money on a business. Get information from people who are in the business you are considering. Get information both from those who are successful and those who had failed in the business so that your information is valid, reliable and realistic.

It goes without saying that you, your wife and even your children should plan together how your money can be invested, saved and used. Involve your children in making a monthly budget so they can volunteer how they can help keep your expenses low.

Finally, I advise you to let go of the past and stop looking back. Look to the future. Have faith in God that He will take care of you as He takes charge of your life. He is surely leading you to a better career opportunity and to a better life. Use your eyes to see, ears to hear, and your heart open to His teaching and direction. God bless you.

P.S. I hope you will tithe on the big amount of money you have received and will receive. You cannot imagine the blessing you will receive for your generosity.

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Ways to boost profitability of your business

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rate. Hire a bookkeeper or assistant for a few hours a week, and spend your time doing the valuable work.

Not charging enough

Not charging enough for what you do is a challenge that seems to arise especially for people who sell services. Either we feel embarrassed to ask for the amount we want, or we simply accept less money than we need—so we get "some money" rather than "no money." But beware, after a while, working for too little can leave you exhausted and resentful, not to mention the impact it has on your profitability.

Using technology

You do not need to defend an increase in your fees either. It is normal business strategy to review fee structures, make changes and advise customers. And contrary to our fears, it is often the case that business levels improve after fees are increased. It seems that we attract a whole different class of customer when our fees reflect the value we provide.

As a business owner, you have a fixed amount of time and energy within which you must maximize your profits. Technology can help you do this in the form of autoresponders, voicemail, wireless Internet connections, speech recognition software, SMS from your computer and so on. All of these tools are widely available to us, and are designed to save time and effort. Each of us needs to continually look for ways to make business processes more efficient by using inexpensive technology.

One of my clients was able to reduce the time spent on replying to customers by four hours per week by simply using an autoresponder system.

Outdated business plans

Often, the problem is that we don't know what we don't know. Some wonderful tool might be available but we don't know it exists. You need to stay on top of the latest products by regularly checking in with business and telecommunications sites.

You've all heard it before—doing things the way they have always been done means that you will get the results that you always got. If you are not satisfied with your results then you need to review what and how you are doing things. An astute entrepreneur has a mindset that is always challenging the way things are done in the business.

Another great way of coming across new ideas is to attend seminars and conferences on various topics. If you get a single idea to put into practice in your business, then that seminar has been worthwhile.

If you are serious about improving your business' profitability (and aren't we all?), then taking action on these areas will help you make more money and have more fun in your business. And that's what it's all about really.

(Megan Tough, leadership and business coach, works with executives, managers and business owners to develop their skills as leaders and effectiveness as business people. To learn more, visit www.megantough.com.)

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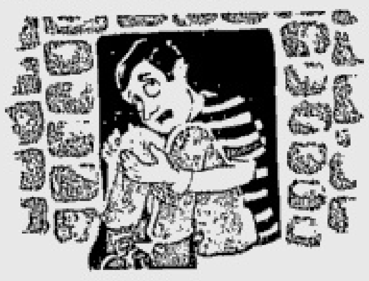
Break out of your private 'prison'

BEST ★ Attitudes

By Teresa Reyes Tunay
Illustration by Rolando Reyes

THERE are so many people who do not want to move on or move up—not from a feeling of genuine contentment but from one of hopelessness or mindless resignation. Are they just ignorant, unaware of their power to improve themselves? Are you among them?

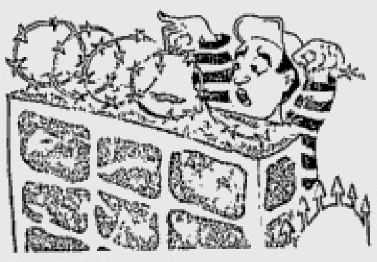
1 If you are, you ought to know that you have your very own personal Bilibid Penitentiary. Yes, you do have a private prison or jail that the eyes cannot see!



2 You yourself are the one who built this prison that's keeping you from growing beyond its walls!

3 By feeding and nurturing your feelings of inadequacy, you imprison yourself. Stop babying these destructive feelings and see them vanish...

4 Each time you answer a challenge with, "That's something I can never do!", you lose by default and reinforce the prison walls around you.

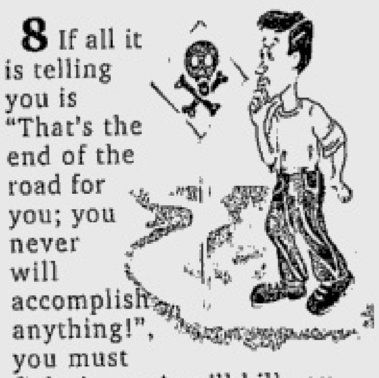


5 When every time you are called to change for the better you say, "That's the way I am, period!", you multiply the iron bars surrounding your cell.

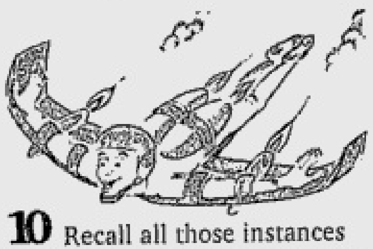
6 Your mind creates your own reality or truth. If in your mind you are shackled, you will not discover the better you that's waiting to emerge.

7 Pay attention to what that "little voice" in your head is telling you: is it affirming the good person you are or is it crushing you to hopelessness?

8 If all it is telling you is "That's the end of the road for you; you never will accomplish anything!", you must fight it—or it will kill you slowly by making you believe it's the truth.



9 The truth is, you can muffle that discouraging "little voice" inside you. Listen to what it's saying and ponder it well, then erase whatever it says that doesn't build your self-confidence.



10 Recall all those instances in the past when you surprised yourself by doing something constructive but unexpected. Didn't it make you feel good to realize that you could, after all, do what you thought was impossible?

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'Dumped at 51!'

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I HAD planned to retire from my company at age 60. You can imagine how shocked I was to be told that my position had been declared redundant, that I would be let go in a month's time, "but don't worry, you will get a big amount of money as your separation package." Just like that. As though money will make up for the loss of a job that I had come to love and a career that I had painstakingly taken cared of all these years. I'm 51 years old and have served my company loyally for 28 years. At my age, what company will get me? My wife has no job; we were happy for her to be a full-time homemaker and take care of our home and family. I have always been the breadwinner. We have six children all of whom are in school.

I had risen from the ranks in sales and marketing and had been multi-awarded during the years that I had been route salesman and sales supervisor. My performance has always been rated superior or outstanding. I have held my present position of national sales manager for the past four years and my national team has always delivered, if not exceeded, our yearly target even in difficult times. I felt very happy and secure in my job and career with my company. And now, this. The bad news hit me like a big ton of bricks. By end of this month, I will no longer have a job.

My company was bought out and we went through restructuring. Functions were merged and only one person was retained per position. I had thought that, being the senior person, and having been an outstanding performer, contributing much to the growth of our company, I would be the logical person to be retained. Much to my shock, disbelief and disgust, I learned that the other national sales manager (from the buying company), who is only in his 40s and has been with the other company for only seven years, was the one retained. I'm the reject; I am dispensable, disposable. How painful this is.

At my age, do you think I can still be hired for the same position as national sales manager by another company? I don't want to go into business because getting even into the right business will not guarantee financial security for me and for my big family. Please help me.

Mr. Distraught

I can understand your grief at losing a job and having your career with your company come to an end after years of dedication, loyalty and commitment. You are all the more distraught because you have a big family with children all in school with only you as the sole breadwinner.

The loss of a job and the attendant career derailment are a phenomenon that all employed persons will be faced with and need to accept as inevitable. No matter what position one occupies, no matter what contribution one has

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Do you maintain your privacy at work?

WORKING WOUNDED
Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I keep reading articles about identity theft. I didn't take privacy seriously, but now I'm careful about giving out personal information. Should I also be concerned about the same kind of issues at work?

Not Going Public

A 36-year-old man was tackled by customers after he had robbed the Zion's Bank in Salt Lake City shortly after it opened on May 2. Several customers had had their eyes on him after they had seen him waiting outside for the bank to open but already wearing a hooded sweatshirt and mask. The man meekly waited in a bank line for his turn before snatching money from a teller.

This robber didn't do a very good job of maintaining his privacy and neither do most of us at work. I've included some strategies below to help you do a better job of keeping your stuff yours. For more information, check out "Naked Employee" by Frederick Lane (Amacom, 2003)

Do you assume you don't have any privacy at work? It all starts with this "a-hah" privacy matters. So don't just assume that your entire life must be an open book at work.

Do you avoid sending personal e-mail? I can't believe the number of people who write to me trashing their company using their company's e-mail. There is no reason to put yourself in this position when you can open a free e-mail account for all your personal correspondence. This will protect your personal information and avoid telling your employer you have better things to do than your job.

Do you keep your web surfing work-related? I understand how tempting it is to surf the web on the company's fast internet connection. Avoid this temptation. Again, the ability for your company to monitor your web use is easier than it's ever been. And it's silly to go down this path when most libraries have fast and free internet connections.

Are you careful to keep your phone calls work-related? Call me old fashioned, but work time is for work. Again, with a cell phone and pay phones, there is no reason to phone home, or anywhere else, on the company's equipment.

Do you watch your public conversations? I learned early in my career about the downside of having a private conversation in a public place. I said something about someone and by the time it got back to him it was mangled beyond recognition. I was able to calm him down, but it's much easier to not raise this red flag by only having private conversations in private.

Do you periodically check your personnel file? It's amazing how much incorrect information can get in your file. There is no reason not to check yours for accuracy, especially when many states have laws allowing you to do so (and some even give you the right to make changes in it).

There are many people out there ready to rob you of your privacy; you've got to guard it if you want it to stay private.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: How important is privacy at work to you?

—Not at all important, 0 percent

—Not a big concern, 11.5 percent

—Important, 34.6 percent

—Essential, 53.8 percent

(Mr. Rosner, an internationally syndicated columnist, author and speaker, is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. E-mail him at bob@workingwounded.com.)

Feeling unqualified?

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IN THE WORKPLACE and business, management often times finds difficulty in looking for trustworthy and dependable workers who can be their clones who will do the tasks and decide on work-related problems and situations in exactly the way they want them done. But this expectation, of course, would almost always become a source of frustrations and stress.

To deal with this situation, can we learn from Peter in today's Gospel to improve ourselves as workers? Jesus has found Peter as a trusted worker for His Kingdom, choosing him to be the "rock" upon whom to build His church. He likewise gave him the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." What was Peter's qualification? Really nothing compared to the task and responsibility assigned to him. Peter had not merited the job because he had answered correctly the question Jesus posed to him and his companions. Jesus reminded him that it was "My heavenly Father" who has revealed the truth to him.

While Peter's human abilities and qualifications counted little or even nothing, his faith, however, was what mattered most. His faith made him "see" God's presence and power. His humble acceptance of God's authority made him surrender his whole being to God's plans for him and for His church. It was Peter's faith that gained for him the trust and favor of the Father and made him the "Chief Executive Officer" of God's Kingdom. We may think we are like Peter—not that qualified for our job—but humbly begging God's power to perfect our human abilities will make us great assets for the company we work for. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

When the rock crumbles

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

WHAT is your responsibility as a worker in a company whose leader cannot be as "solid as a rock"—one who is short of leadership qualities? We have lots of them around: bosses, supervisors, managers, presidents and unqualified people in positions of power because they were at the right time and the right place when these positions were being filled. You know that without the right support staff, they only bungle up the job. Things get tougher still when you work under a stubborn one of their ilk.

Weak, incompetent bosses are a part and parcel of the daily work scenario. It's no use blaming them for all the company's ills; we, their subordinates, indirectly "lead" the company, too, by adopting as our foundation the solid rock of principles and sound work ethics. A tired worker said, "What a boss we have—he keeps repeating his blunders. It is I who learn from them!" This man later on was offered a good position in a multinational company which he now heads.

A boss is not useless simply because he does not conform to the common standards for leaders. Even Peter, the rock whom Jesus had handpicked to establish His church on would crumble occasionally. See how he sunk following Jesus on the water? Note how his temper made him chop off a Roman soldier's ear? And remember how he betrayed Jesus three times on the night of His arrest? But look, Jesus' Church is still alive and kicking, to say the least. Same in the workplace. Viewed in the light of God's love and wisdom, the worst of our bosses can bring out the best in us. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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Gospel: Mt. 16: 13-20

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

TV soap queen Jean Garcia may have resurrected her career playing a *kontrabida*, but she's now playing a nice girl with equal success. Good thing this single mom, erstwhile OFW and survivor has had some practice in dealing with life's ups and downs

From Villainess to Good Girl, She Tackles TV Roles—and Life—With Gusto

by Tinna S. Bonifacio
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FORREST Gump said it: Life is like a box of chocolates—you never know what you're gonna get. For Jean Garcia, her "Forrest Gump moment" came in the late '90s, when she found herself alone, a single mother with a daughter to support and no regular job. It was a bitter pill to swallow for the former "That's Entertainment" star and "GMA Supershow" co-host.

Her daughter Jennica was growing up, and with no visible means of support other than herself, Jean, then 27, knew she had to act quickly. "There were TV guestings, but I told myself, I couldn't live like that. I wanted to give my daughter a good life."

Redemption came in the person of her friend Sheryl, a former VIP dancer. Sheryl introduced Jean to a friend, a Japanese businessman based in the Philippines. He owned a high-end club called Estancia in Japan, and before Jean knew it, she was being offered a job that seemed

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Jean

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like the answer to her prayers. He asked Jean if she could sing and dance. "Yes," came the quick reply.

And so it was that Jean found herself on her way to Japan where she became a performer at the club. No stranger to the stage, Jean sang and danced from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., doing three sets a night and between five and eight songs per set. She became a favorite with the regulars at the club, who dubbed her "The Beautiful Singer." When Jean was sick and couldn't come to work, they'd summon the manager and ask, "Where's our beautiful singer?"

That was all she did, says Jean. It saddens her when people call her a Japayuki and imply that she did more than just sing for her supper. "I was earning a lot. US dollars, plus bonuses. But there was no monkey business. Honestly, *wala*."

Jean had another "Forrest Gump moment" in July 2000, when she received a call from Malou Santos of Star Cinema. The company was planning to produce a teleserye titled "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*," to star Jericho Rosales and Kristine Hermosa as star-crossed lovers Angelo and Yna. It was a typical soap opera plot with a Shakespearean twist: rich boy (Angelo) falls in love with poor girl (Yna). Their main opposition would be Angelo's rich, evil stepmother, Madam Claudia, married to Angelo's father, Eduardo.

Santos called Jean and offered her the role. Jean's first thought was to turn it down. "At first I said no, because I had a contract in Japan."

Perfect vehicle

But the actress in Jean was eventually persuaded to accept the offer. Besides, she missed showbiz. She got her start when she was only 17, joining German Moreno's "That's Entertainment," and from there, graduated to a co-hosting stint on "GMA Supershow," a job that she held for 12 years. She thought this would be the perfect vehicle for a comeback.

So Jean said her goodbyes to her boss, packed up her tiny studio apartment, and flew home to Manila. She also left behind her Japanese boyfriend, who was vice president of an advertising company. Jean met the guy through a friend. Their relationship lasted eight years (and they had a child together) although he was based in Japan and Jean was in the Philippines.

She thinks that's the reason the relationship did not last. "It was a long-distance love affair. We would see each other once a month, or once every two months *lang*," she says. In the end, not being together took its toll, and before things could get any worse, Jean chose to break off the relationship.

What made it more difficult was that the role of Madam Claudia was intense and emotionally draining. It was also hard on her physically, since a lot of the scenes were shot out of town—the Buenavistas were supposed to be rich, land-owning folks who owned a hacienda, hence the need to shoot out of town, mostly in Pampanga. Sometimes tapings would last for 24 hours straight.

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Early start: As a sweet young thing with co-star Ricky Davao in a 1989 TV show

At the outset, Jean did not know the kind of impact the role of "*Pangako Sa Yo*"'s resident villainness would have on her life and career. She certainly didn't expect Madam Claudia to become as popular as she did. The role practically resurrected Jean's career. "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*" proved to be her biggest break to date. "*Oo naman*," she agrees. "That show was really something. Nothing can take its place. The fans were from the AB crowd to the *masa*."

How does she explain the show's appeal? "It was a lot of things. It wasn't just the story. The casting was perfect, we had rapport. And the outfits and locations were beautiful, which made the show a visual delight, as well."

As for her role as Madam Claudia, Jean will always look back on that with fondness. Up to now, people—who include her household staff at home—still call her "Madam." The tag has stuck to her like glue, a fact she doesn't mind, because she really enjoyed the role. "Actually, for me, any role is okay *lang*. That's work, so of course I'll accept it. But it's so nice to be the villainess, because you can play with the role. You can shout, you can change your facial expression, not like when your the heroine, you're boxed in."

Playing Madam Claudia was a challenge, because the woman was not necessarily out-and-out bitchy. "She was nice *naman*," she says of her television alter-ego. "She loves her family, and she would do anything to protect them. It's just that sometimes, her methods are questionable. And in a way, you pity her, because everyone she loved left her. *Kontrabida nga si* Madam, but she was a *kontrabida* with a heart. Wouldn't you be the same if everyone you cared about left you?"

The role completely took over Jean's life and, to a certain extent, her personality. There were times when she'd come home from a taping and find herself acting in the same high-handed manner as her TV character. This became most evident when there were problems at home. Sometimes, Jean would get so carried away by the role that she'd find herself snapping at her household help or her driver, for which she would promptly apologize. "That's the way I am, I'm feisty. That's how Madam Claudia and I are the same. I have a very strong personality. I don't like to lose."

Very transparent

Despite such encounters, the people who work for Jean have not come to resent her. In fact, her driver Resty has been working for her for 12 years now; her cook, *Lolo* Bert, for almost four years. Her road manager, Beth, has been with her for some six years, as has her manager, *Direk* Manny Valera of DMV Entertainment. And all of them will say that Jean has been the best. She may have a temper, but she is considerate and generous, sometimes to a fault. She always says "Thank you" for every little thing, even when one of them brings her a glass of water. She has been known to shower her staff with gifts, occasionally buying them pants, belts, even watches. Once, she paid for the caesarian operation of the wife of one of her employees. On weekends, or when she's not busy, she throws impromptu barbecue parties at home, when she breaks bread and shares a beer or two with them. This is how Jean rewards them for their loyalty and dedication.

"They know me," says Jean. "I'm very transparent. I'm only human, so sometimes, I lose my temper, especially when I'm stressed out or I have a problem. But like Madam Claudia, I have a heart. I just want them to stick with me. Because if something good happens to me, they'll benefit, as well. I won't alow my life to go bad, anyway."

Jean's fighting spirit is amazing. It was this quality that enabled her to survive being a single mom to two kids, her struggles in Japan, and the low points of her career before "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*" came along and resurrected it. Thanks to Madam Claudia and "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*," Jean began to be noticed by producers again. She also appeared in a McDonald's commercial and was tapped by BioEssence to be its celebrity endorser.

After "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*" ended its two-and-a-half year run, Jean was immediately signed up by ABS-CBN to star in another *teleserye*, this time with the pair of John Lloyd Cruz and Bea Alonzo. The show was "It Might Be You," where she played Orlanda to Gardo Verzosa's Camilo.

In this show, Jean had yet another "Forrest Gump moment" when she fell in love with Gardo. Her feelings caught her completely by surprise. She had her first inkling of it when she and Gardo met with the other members of the cast and production crew during the story conference and workshop. "We had an open session where we were asked to share an intimate fact about someone else so we would feel comfortable with each other. Then, when it was Gardo's turn, he said, '*Itong si* Jean, *matagal na akong may pagnanasa dito, eh.*' (This Jean, I've been lusting after her for some time now.) At first, I didn't know if he was serious or not. I looked at him, then he raised his eyebrow and asked, 'Okay *ka lang?*' Then we all laughed."

Small world

But as everyone knows now, Gardo's statement was apparently not a joke. The two did end up together, and the relationship lasted 11 months. At its end, Jean made a tearful appearance on "The Buzz" that surprised a lot of people who thought the two were practically headed for the altar. "It was the constant togetherness on the set," says Jean. "The only sad thing was, the relationship was just not meant to be."

She refuses to elaborate on what really caused the split, except to say that it was caused by a "situation" outside of the relationship. Was it a third party? Jean would rather not say. What she will say is that two weeks after they broke up, she called up Gardo and told him that she wanted them to remain friends. "It's hard to break up with a lot of unresolved issues," she says. "Showbiz is a very small world, and we're sure to run into each other again, or even work together again in the future. I wanted us to have closure so *kahit paano*, the respect remains. That's how I am when it comes to relationships. *Lahat ng* relationships *ko, may* closure." Recent reports are now linking her with Joey Marquez, but Jean claimed in interviews that they are just friends.

God is good, though, and when He took the relationship with Gardo away from Jean, He replaced it with a new show. In "*Kampanerang Kuba*," Jean gets to play the good girl, a big departure from her Madam Claudia persona. Here, she is reunited with her "*Pangako Sa 'Yo*" nemesis, Eula Valdez, but this time, the two of them play sisters. Jean is Lucia, the daughter trained to succeed their father (Jaime Fabregas) in the family business. "I'm the favorite daughter here," says Jean.

She enjoys playing Lucia. "She's strong, but forgiving. And the camaraderie in the group is different. We all have dinner together. Of all the teleseryes I've done, these two—'*Pangako Sa 'Yo*' and '*Kuba*'—are my favorites," says Jean.

Jean is also due to start a new cooking show, again with Eula, titled "*Makuha Ka Sa Tikim*." The title is an obvious reference to her Madam Claudia days. The show's teaser has already started airing on ABS-CBN. It will be something different for Jean, another challenge for her to hurdle.

Indeed, when it rains, it pours. And while life may be a box of chocolates, it is also beautiful. Of that, Jean is convinced. "I've always been a positive person. Why be negative, when life is beautiful?"

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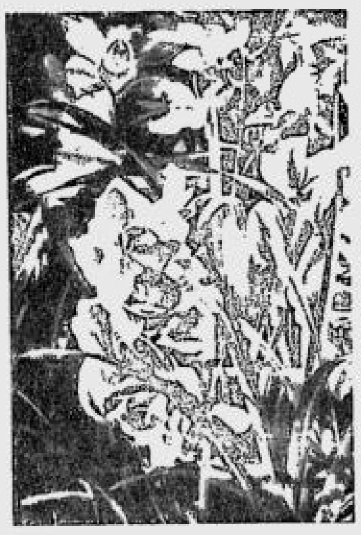

KULAY SA TUBIG WINNERS

This year's winners in the 22nd Kulay sa Tubig Watercolor Competition are Caloy Gabuco, Fred Galan, Aner Sebastian, Pablo Baen Santos and Chris Mirang. Mirang was elevated to the Hall of Fame, having won his third. The runners-up are Ernesto Patricio, Demetrio de la Cruz, Alfred Galura, Kim Eun-ok and Lee Kwang Soo. All entries are on exhibit until today at Gallery Genesis, SM Megamall. In photo is "Orchids" by Alfred Galura. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Poetry

Witness

"The silence. The silence.
The silence covers everything."
—Teresa de Jesus

In this town, everybody bends all morning,
to bury an acre of fear each hour, to feed
the ground with all the words they will not say.

Another man was found last week: caned
powdered, tied with grass.
She was there: crawling on mud, hiding

behind a rock and spires of grass,
and days later, hiding from the memory
of faces and voices: the foundered glint of a man

in the sun, the broken words, wound upon wound,
the thin blur of those around him, their laughter,
the whippings, their tight grasp of their whips—

Is to speak of this to finally forget?
To speak of it is to know that so much here
remain hidden—the silence, the air,

all inhaled, kept inside, food for fear.
At twilight, dogs begin to bark. Broken twigs,
bullets and shadows flee between trees.

Not again. She cups her mouth, hoping
that there is no spill of blood, parts of limbs
scratching soil. She firmly holds herself,

latches the door with wood, tight as teeth.
Night seeps through bullet holes on the walls,
sits with her while she listens, wilting, on the chair.

Bino A. Realuyo

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At night, when I can't sleep
the spirits of my ancestors are dictating
their long forgotten premonitions.

I try to hear them out but
the sound of many cities past and
present lingers in the background.

I told you he loved me and
there was no turning back.

My grandmother, her mother,
the great great granddream.

Raya Martin

Twists of Fate

by Joy Rojas

She Found Fame in Moving from Typewriters to Scissors

With no salon skills to speak of, a long-time secretary with a weakness for spa and parlor treatments takes a chance and finds herself a cut above the rest in the field of haircut and color trends

SHE could type up a storm when she worked as a secretary for the Malayan Insurance Company and at Jardine Davis in the 1980s. So when Mary Jane Cabarloc spotted an ad in the papers announcing job openings for "an international salon" in 1998, why did she, a shoo-in for the receptionist post, apply as a junior stylist instead?

"*Maganda kung sa maganda,* (I had a good job), but I was bored in the office," admits Cabarloc, who was also previously employed as a traveling businessman's personal assistant and a cashier in a Chinese restaurant. "I felt like I was trapped in a room with the same people and no challenge." Although inexperienced in salon work ("As in, zero!" she exclaims), she was certainly no stranger to its services. "*Kikay kasi ako* (I'm vain)," she giggles. "So every *sweldo*, I go for a hot oil, manicure, pedicure or hair color." Being familiar with such services, she thought, how hard could it be being on the giving side of the beauty business? "I just wanted to try it," she says of her bold career shift. "*Malakas kasi ang* guts *ko* (I have a lot of guts)."

The "international salon" turned out to be Franck Provost, the swank establishment on Jupiter Street in Bel-Air, Makati, where Cabarloc, to her and everyone's surprise, caught the attention of its proprietor Baby Cruz and the French hairdresser Provost himself. Cabarloc, the only untrained applicant in a large group of job hunters that included, of all people, the hairdresser whose parlor she frequented on her payday, proved a quick and diligent study.

Mysterious name

Armed with a little notebook and pen which she kept in her back pocket, the former secretary jotted down notes and drew what she saw at demos and seminars. That would prompt Cruz to summon her. "I was scared because when you're called to her office it's either because you were bad or good," says the junior stylist. In Cabarloc's case, it was the latter. Impressed by her eagerness to learn, Provost said, "Focus on her because she has a future as a stylist." He and Cruz then christened Cabarloc with her now famous nickname, MJ. "At first, he wanted Jean-Marie because he's French. But they thought it was too long so they decided on MJ because it sounded mysterious. Actually, it's true," she smiles. "Whenever people call up the salon, they always ask, 'Is MJ a guy or a girl?'"

Stylists who didn't know what to make of all the fuss over the newcomer were starting to notice her too. "Who's your backer?" they demanded to know. When Cabarloc pointed to heaven, they assumed she meant Cruz or some big boss in a higher office floor. "*Sa taas!*" insisted Cabarloc, pointing skyward. "*Hindi niyo Siya kilala* (Up there! You don't know Him)?"

Indeed, Cabarloc's success and eventual promotion to senior stylist were all earned the good old-fashioned way. When she wasn't at Franck Provost watching senior stylists at work (and secretly telling herself, "I can do that too!"), she was busy attending seminars. Although her experimental ideas with haircuts and colors made her a choice stylist among the salon's more adventurous clientele, her friendly disposition also made her effective with Filipinos and foreigners of all ages—including, she shares, a crying one-year-old whom she appeased "by pretending I was a clown."

"It's easy giving people what they want," says Cabarloc who bases her cuts and colors on the shape of a client's face, their skin color, job and personality. "That's why before I touch their hair, I always ask them what it is they don't want."

Six years later and with a contract about to end, Cabarloc decided that a change was in order. At the Mandarin Hotel's Menage Salon where she worked for a year and a half, she groomed guys with the trendy "F4" cut. Now one of three senior stylists at Acqua Salon (Westgate Center, Filinvest, Alabang, tel. no. 771-1340), Cabarloc continues to draw them in. "They're a little conservative here," notes the stylist of patrons from the south side of the metropolis. "But first-timers often come back with a friend." And old-timers, to her amazement, are actually making the effort to see her. "When I told my Makati clients that I was moving to Alabang, they said, 'I don't want to go there, it's too far.' A few days later, I get a call and it's them going, 'MJ, where is your street?' It makes me cry sometimes," she says. "Moving to Alabang was a big risk, but I said *kung may mawala man sa akin, may papalit din. Sa awa ng Diyos, sumunod naman sila sa akin* (lose some, win some. Thank God, my clients followed me here)."

Sought-after stylist

While the cutting and coloring experiences remain "*masaya*, exciting!" for Cabarloc, that's not to say that this sought-after stylist hasn't had her share of bad hair days along the way. "Of course!" she exclaims unabashedly of mistakes. "That's the only way you learn." When a client doesn't appreciate a color, she remedies it immediately by applying a more agreeable shade. And when a cut turns out shorter than it should? "Then I always tell them it'll grow back!" she says with a smile.

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Cabarloc should know, given the countless cuts and colors she's subjected her own hair to over the years. The youngest of three children and the only daughter of a security guard and homemaker who are natives of Ilocos Sur, Cabarloc credits her mother as her original hairdresser. "It was she who cut all our hair," she says proudly. "Now I'm the one who cuts her hair." As a child, this aspiring nurse wore her hair in braids and ponytails using colorful clips; in her office-girl years, Cabarloc, who finished a computer-secretarial course as a scholar at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, maintained a corporate (or as she prefers to call it, "*manang*") look. It was at Franck Provost where the stylist would let loose, chopping her long and wavy locks to a mannish cut at one point, and coloring it more recently with as many as three tones all at once.

Clearly, if Cabarloc thrives on giving a haircut and color, she relishes getting them, too. Any time away from Acqua is spent at a spa where she likes to go swimming or to pamper herself with a relaxing body massage. "Life is too short," reasons the stylist, who turned 40 this week. "So if you work hard, you also have to enjoy yourself."

Which is exactly what she does whenever she wields a pair of scissors. "*Kung dati, pinapausok ko yung* typewriter," laughs the one-time secretary, "*ngayon, gunting na!* (I used to be able to make typewriter keys sizzle; now I do it with scissors!)" Q

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This Pilgrim's Journeys Brought Her All Over the World —*and* Closer to Herself

Life's a journey, says long-time journalist Anjie Ureta, who gathers her recollections of travel destinations in a book that is both labor of love and offering to the divine

RAFFY LERMA

FULL of auspicious gifts from fellow travelers, Anjie Ureta's Makati apartment exemplifies the essence of her explorations. There are Russian nesting dolls, for example, and *thangkas* (also known as *tankas*), prayer cloths from Nepal. "There are more things in storage and I redecorate in cycles of insanity," Ureta says with a laugh. "And they each have a story."

Angela Blardony Ureta, who just turned 40 on August 2, seems to be ready to go somewhere, anywhere, at a moment's notice. You see it in the intensity of her eyes, the speed of her gestures and the flow of her stories. It's in her words to her sleek, beloved Siamese cat Ananda.

And it's in "A Pilgrim's Diary: Passages and Inner Landscapes," her lovely self-published book of travel essays. "It was time," Ureta says of the book's timing. "I put a book together because I felt there was something I could really share." Containing 30 essays culled from her travels, "A Pilgrim's Diary" was launched at the Asian Institute of Management last Aug. 15—and easily became a takeoff point for yet another story.

Auspicious day

The launch, in fact, was originally scheduled on Ureta's birthday, but the organizers were not sure that the hardcover books (printed in Singapore) would all be here in time. The launch was moved to August 15, "very auspicious because it is the Feast of the Assumption and I am a Marian devotee," says Ureta. But it rained without let-up at around that time and the book launch venue, the Zen Gardens at the Asian Institute of Management, was open-air. Concerned folk suggested a Plan B for Ureta, in case in rains. "Don't worry," Ureta told them. "Not a single drop of rain will fall on that day. I never doubt my Mother's promises." Indeed, while it rained buckets all the way up to the evening before, August 15 dawned bright and dry.

Ureta, the eldest of five siblings, "grew up alone, mostly," she says. "I didn't know how to play with others." She finished high school at Manresa prior to pursuing her Communication Arts degree at De La Salle University. At 19, she taught English, History and Performing Arts at the Manresa High School. She would begin to take studies towards her Masters in Education at the University of the Philippines but left school ("I didn't want to do my thesis so I went AWOL.").

She even took office jobs that involved marketing and promotions. It was through one such job that she met Malaya's Winnie Velasquez, who recruited her for the paper. She had started writing articles on her own while studying at UP, finding publication work with Malaya and Lifestyle Asia, among others.

Ureta was at Malaya when she did a story on Loren Legarda, who produced and hosted ABS-CBN's public affairs juggernaut "The Inside Story." Legarda noticed Ureta's tattoo on her shoulder—that of an angel—and asked her to do a segment on women with tattoos for her show. Long story sort, Ureta began working for ABS-CBN as a talent, producing and writing shows for the next 13 years.

Though most of her adult life was spent at ABS-CBN, Ureta says she eventually found herself "in a great dilemma." She confessed to feeling "uneasy, questioning more and more things like policy and management. And I felt like there were other things of interest I could be writing on." So following her feelings, Ureta left ABS-CBN in January 2004. "One fine day, I just woke up one morning and decided I will take that leap now, before I'm 40, before I'm too old to try anything else. I woke up with this conviction that everything I need to succeed in life, professionally, personally, in whatever aspect, I have with me. I didn't need the hardware." She treasures all the years she spent in ABS-CBN, but it was time to move on. "I think people should decide their lives for themselves. People say I have this dream but I will do this after the kids grow up, after the mortgage is paid... We'll just keep on delaying. Whatever gave us the idea that we're going to live to see retirement, or tomorrow for that matter?" To make sure this didn't happen, she made her move.

Joining forces

She set up her own one-woman production company, Treehouse Creative Village, describing it as "a content provider for audio-visual productions and documentaries." She also manages Chin-Chin Gutierrez, though Ureta notes that she doesn't want to take on any other talent. "It was a natural outgrowth," Ureta says of their collaboration on Gutierrez's "Oyayi" music project. Fast friends, Ureta and Gutierrez share similar advocacies, such as the environment, culture preservation, women's and children's rights among others, what the two call "sacred work." Says Ureta: "If we join forces, we can reach more people with our message of optimism and hope."

Traveling did not come naturally to Ureta, though she recalls being very curious as a child. Her mother told Ureta that as a child, she would drag her *andador* (rattan walker) throughout the house and take stuff apart so she could put them back together. Books became her refuge and she learned to read and write (with an aunt's help) at 3 because "I got tired of people reading my books to me and I wanted to read them myself."

She made the transition from reading to writing her own words when she was 4, when she began keeping her first diary. "I just chronicled what happened that day and how I was affected by it, which was quite strange. I must have been a lonely child, but I didn't feel it. For me, that was enough company."

She actually began traveling extensively only when she started work as a journalist. "After a while, I came to realize it wasn't so much fun when you're working." So Ureta would save her money and travel on her own.

"It allows me to be my authentic self in a way that I could never be in Manila. The farther you are from the place that you think is home, the closer you are to your real self." Her trips became journeys of self-discovery as well—and what places she has visited. In "A Pilgrim's Diary," Ureta recalls trips to India, Nepal, Thailand, Scotland and Russia. "At first, it was a reward, but afterwards, it became a means for me to keep my sanity," she says.

In the shuffle of boarding passes and the thunder of immigration stamps being issued, Ureta has had amazing experiences, as can be gleaned from her book. Watching the Dalai Lama go about his daily routine in Dharamsala, India, was very affecting, she says. "It's an experience unlike any other in my life, history unfolding before me every day, a story about a people who were almost annihilated as an ethnic population who have to live in exile. They made one last brave stand and practically transplanted their way of life on foreign soil."

Shared roads

Ureta worked on her book with editors Susan de Guzman and Giselle Kasilag, with Ige Ramos providing a distinctively effective design. "I wanted to share that all roads lead to yourself, and that roads leading to yourself lead you to God, in whatever form you worship Him or Her or It. It's particularly important in this time of chaos."

It's also a journey where one meets amazing people. "A Pilgrim's Diary" introduces readers to adventurer/explorers A. Victor Goodpasture and Franck Goddio. A particularly fascinating meeting was Ureta's chat with bestselling author Paulo Coelho, whom she encountered while the Brazilian author was on tour in London. "He is the kindest, gentlest man with a beard I've ever met," Ureta remembers. "Really humble, really wise, none of the pompousness of world famous authors I've interviewed. He was a very self-contained person."

Now that "A Pilgrim's Diary" is out, Ureta is staying still for a breather before she embarks on yet another trip. There are destinations that she is determined to visit—Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and the major Buddhist pilgrimage sites across Asia. She also wants to go to South America and Africa.

Travelling has a spiritual side for her, says Ureta. " I can't help it. I think it was mostly because of me growing up a reflective child, I had a lot of time looking inward." She's been living alone for 10 years now and admits to being completely comfortable with it.

It's a life of the unexpected, the eye opening and the adventurous for her. "In my life I've done a lot of things which were quite unusual, interesting, and not agreeable to some people, but nothing illegal. I look back and say: that was fun."

It is a path that leads Angela Blardony Ureta, traveler, chronicler, storyteller, to a life surrounded by likenesses of cats and angels, one step closer to what she seeks. "For me, my whole life has been a pilgrimage. Every step I take is travel. At the end of the day, life is all about finding and paying tribute to that which is divine. Why isolate that experience to a physical or traditional way of traveling?"

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Pinoy Connection

A Fil-Am Ph.D Student With A Plan To Give Pinoy Entrepreneurs A Chance To Shine

by Cora Llamas

If his parents hadn't migrated to the US, Neil Ruiz knows he would be lining up for an overseas job like most Filipinos. Today, this Berkeley, Oxford and MIT scholar wants to help fund deserving local enterprises through an ingenious startup competition

LIKE many Filipinos, Neil Ruiz has an aunt working as a overseas nurse and several cousins just waiting to board a seagoing vessel. In fact, he believes that, had his parents not migrated to the US before he was born, he himself would have been lining up at the same recruitment agencies for work abroad.

That insight, and gratitude for how life had been kinder to him, prompted this Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) doctoral student to come up with an innovative way to give something back to the country.

Along with like-minded Pinoys and second-generation Fil-Americans in the United States, Neil came up with PESO, or the Philippine Emerging Startups Open (PESO), a competition on the best business plan among locally-based Filipino entrepreneurs. But PESO, he hastens to add, is not just about funding business ventures or sending talented kids on scholarship.

"It's about trying to provide that kind of environment where people can take risks," says the 29-year-old Ruiz. "Venture capitalists do have money but they just haven't found the right ideas. What we're trying to do is help identify those ideas and incubate them. We're not looking for people who just want to put up franchises or follow trends because they're safe ideas. You need to innovate on new types of businesses if you want to make a big impact on the economy and start up jobs. The more creative you are, the more risks you take."

Knowledge transfer

More important than the cash reward is the mentoring that winners will receive from Ruiz's colleagues and friends, whom he describes as "a big network of Filipinos who travel regularly between the US and the Philippines and are willing to help." Many of these altruistically inclined overseas Pinoys have banded together to call themselves the Brain Gain Network.

Ruiz sees potential where others may see waste or hopelessness. One minute he sighs about the "natural resources that are not being developed," which he discovered on one of his out-of-Manila trips. Next, he describes the solution he had offered to Fil-Americans of an earlier generation who had tried to help the country but were discouraged by the political instability.

"We learned a lot from these Fil-Am professionals who had made an attempt to come back in the '80s and '90s." One concern of his peers was that they could not return to the Philippines because of their own pending responsibilities in the US. Ruiz proposes a solution in the form of a query: "Can we transfer knowledge instead of coming back?"

In the same breath, he mulls over another perceived problem that could become an opportunity: "There are over eight million Filipinos abroad. Why haven't we leveraged that?" That subject—the migration explosion and the possibility of tapping into it for national development—is now the topic of his doctoral dissertation.

It was a visit to his parents' hometown in Lingayen, Pangasinan that gave Ruiz a better perspective of his life in the US. Unknown to him, his parents—his father was a cook in the US military and his mother a former laundromat worker—had continued sending remittances to their extended families back home like other overseas Filipino workers do. That may be why they were very frugal and hardly ate in fine-dining restaurants, Ruiz realizes belatedly. During his Pangasinan visit, he saw how his cousins revered his parents a lot, "because they paid for their tuition fees." He muses, "My dad and mom didn't just raise me and my brothers, but also my cousins." He pauses and repeats the question he must have asked himself a hundred times, "My parents were very poor. What if they didn't go to the US?"

Changing the world

If they didn't, he certainly wouldn't have studied in the best universities in the world. Ruiz has an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley ("very radical and passionate about changing the world"), a graduate degree in Economic and Social History from Oxford University ("a lot of elites from around the world, you could see the aristocracy"), and now a Political Economy doctorate at the MIT ("intellectually very intense"). But all of these were done on scholarship, with a little help from his dad's benefits from the military.

Ruiz also realized that he was one of a handful of Fil-Americans pursuing higher studies; many of his peers had chosen to go to work instead. Another observation was that the few Filipinos he met at the university came from elite families in the Philippines. He recalls how he caught these members of the equivalent of Philippine royalty trying to determine if he was part of the social clan. He smiles sheepishly at the memory. "In interacting with these big-time guys, most of them ask for my last name, and you see in their faces that they are contemplating, trying to place me, thinking, 'Who is this guy?' They must be thinking I'm from one of those few families who can afford to go to prestigious universities abroad."

Another thought bothered him: "Who or what I am representing here?"

It was a non-Filipino buddy who finally pointed Ruiz in the right direction. During his Berkeley stint, he went to Zimbabwe, South Africa to study the "movement for democracy and the existing inequalities." His friend who had lived through the apartheid era asked him, "Neil, where do you come from? Before you come to South Africa again, you should go back to where you came from.'" Ruiz was 21 at that time, and had last visited the Philippines as a child of 11.

But the man's words nudged something in him and he asked his reluctant father to take him on a visit to his old country as a college graduation gift. That fateful trip to Lingayen gave him a glimpse of his roots and defined the path he was going to take for the next few years.

"I've been at Oxford, Berkeley, and MIT. There are a lot of people who would like to be in my place but didn't have the opportunity," says Ruiz. "It's all about the environment that you're exposed to. PESO is supposed to provide that environment."

If it succeeds, Neil Ruiz would have found himself in the most prestigious place in the world— sharing the glory back home. ■

For more info about PESO, click on web.mit.edu/peso or e-mail peso-info@mit.edu.

RODEL ROTONI

by Corazon A. Ong

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Painting Is Her Own Testament

Late in her life, after raising five children and running small businesses, Poi Drueco discovered she had a gift for capturing the images of her faith on canvas—and the results have been nothing short of divine

FLORENCIA "Poi" Drueco, 79, used to have her hands full looking after her five children. She would wake up at 5 in the morning, and her schedule would be full till 10 in the evening. Apart from doing household chores, Poi, a business administration graduate, augmented the family income by going into small business enterprises. She simply had no time to pursue any hobby.

Then, in her early 60s, Poi suddenly found herself with a lot of free time, something she was not used to. Her mother, Luisa Ongpin, who was raised as an *interna* in a convent, strictly followed the work-pray policy in raising her nine children. "I imbibed that upbringing, so when I found myself with so much free time on my hands, I felt uneasy," she recalls. She was then in California visiting one of her daughters and her family. A walking enthusiast, she saw an art and crafts shop while strolling one morning, walked in and saw an ongoing class in painting. Instead of using canvas, the class painted on wood already cut in required sizes. Using acrylic as medium, the students would reproduce the picture the teacher wanted them to copy.

Call it fate, but Poi soon found herself joining the daily painting class. "I paid $20 for the painting session. *Mahal nga* (Quite expensive). There was a picture that we had to copy and once we were through, it was time to pay."

With no basic background in perspective or anatomy, Poi was soon surprising everyone in class, including herself, because her reproductions were turning out to be as good, if not better, than the original. Some of her classmates, however, doubted her lack of painting experience. "One even complained to the teacher and said: 'The problem with Poi is she has been painting before,' which I, of course, denied. They thought I was merely showing off," she says.

Newfound hobby

One time, Poi recalls, she got sick and had to absent herself from class. While at home, she found the time to finish the work she had already started in class. It was a Dickensian Christmas scene, with the house bedecked with decor and all. "I arrived early in class the following day and placed my work beside the teacher's sample. When the teacher and the rest of the class came, they had a hard time differentiating the two. They could not tell which was the original and which was the copy," Poi recounts.

She returned home to Manila after 10 weeks in California bent on pursuing her newfound hobby. Howard Medina, a son-in-law, recalled how she had the branches of some narra trees that had been cut down trimmed to size so she could paint on them. The bulk of the wood, however, she gave to a handicapped group. From wood, she decided to switch to canvas, because she found the former too limiting for the size of her paintings, her favorite working size canvas being 54" x 72."

Says Poi, "All my paintings are religious in nature. It was as if a light was shown to me in that direction. At the start, I repeatedly asked myself what to specialize in. Will it be still-life? Portraits? When the door to Biblical paintings opened, I said, this is it." She started small. Her first Biblical painting on canvas—a reproduction of "Christ before Caiphas"—measured only 18" x 20". But these days, she's more partial to life-sized canvases. Her house in Mother Ignacia looks like a European museum with her paintings hanging all over the place.

Main attraction

Without question, the main attraction is her reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's "Virgin of the Rocks." Also measuring 54" x 72" it is almost always the first painting visitors see when they enter the house. Not only is the painting huge, it is also extremely beautiful and faithful to the original. Poi did painstaking research on both the painting and the painter. She kept retouching her piece until she got just the right hue, the exact lighting, the mystical appeal. "I measured every inch, mixed and remixed the paints until I got the right color and captured the essence of it all, including the tender look between Mother and Child and the gossamer material worn by St. John," Poi reveals. Apart from da Vinci, she has also reproduced some of the Biblical works of Raphael, Reubens, El Greco, Titian and Tintoretto, among others.

Poi does not measure the time she spends on a painting, although a member of the family who has watched her at work said she could be going through the same process for hours or days, like putting a coat of paint again and again until she is satisfied that she has done justice to the original. Poi doubtless has the patience of Job. But she does not sell any of her paintings. Nor is she keen on mounting an art exhibit, although she dreams of sharing her Biblical works with the public.

She feels her creativity is a gift from above. Thus, she begins every work with this prayer: "Lord, You created me, and now, I'm holding my brush, dipping it in paint. But You have to guide me so whatever I'll do will come out the way You want it."

Poi also believes that there must be a reason why God has led her to painting late in life. "Every one of us has to tell the Good News. The Lord speaks to us in His own way, and He chose to speak to me through my paintings." Poi has, time and again, refused to accept any commissioned job because she has a long-term project to finish— doing life-sized paintings of scenes from the New Testament, of which she has so far painted 30. "I still have a long way to go, and I ask the Lord to give me the energy and the time to paint the whole of the New Testament, from His birth to crucifixion," she says.

What excites her about this project is her plan to do an original work on the Sermon of the Mount—the first time she will ever do so. "I have been repeatedly asked why I don't do paintings of my own. Maybe because I was not yet ready for it, but now I plan to give it a try. Besides, I really like that scene—with Jesus on the mountainside and people looking up to him in reverence and love. I want to capture the expressions on their faces," she says.

Place of reflection

Apart from finishing the project, her other dream is to have a place where she can mount the paintings so they can be viewed by the public. "My brother, Louie Reyes, did the bas relief of the stations of the cross on the way to Antipolo Church. If I could have my way, I would like to have a place near the church, where I could hang my paintings and where people could spend the day with the Lord in silence and reflection. I don't want people eating and giggling inside. Apart from the museum, there could also be a garden, a library where people can read and a small movie house where the public could watch films that lift the spirit. The eating areas would be located outside the museum." In Poi's mind, the museum would be her way of sharing her gift with the public.

"There is still a lot of available land in Antipolo and hopefully, the local government or some good-hearted readers would start the ball rolling to fulfill this dream of mine," Poi says. "God works in mysterious ways, as the saying goes." Q

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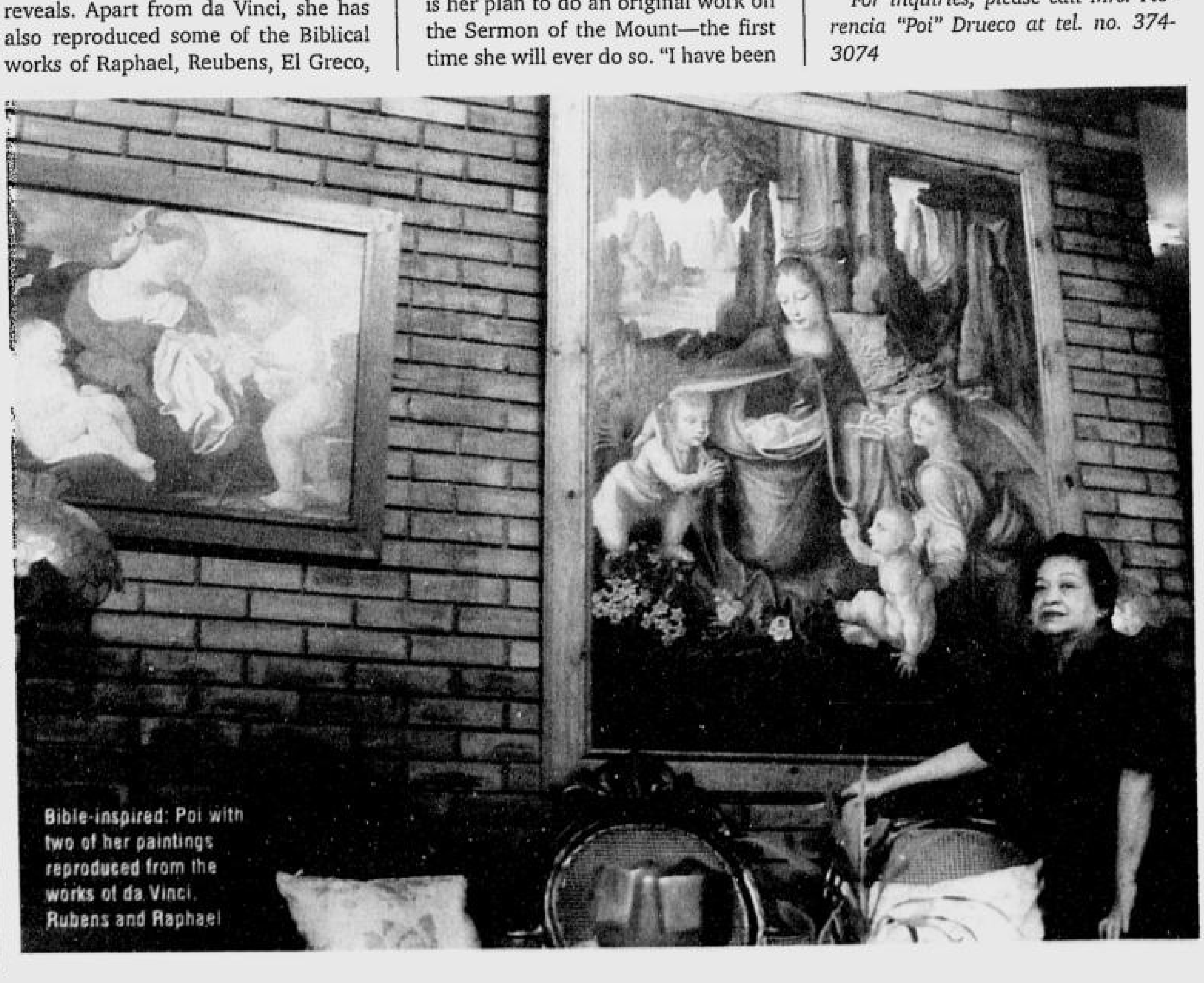


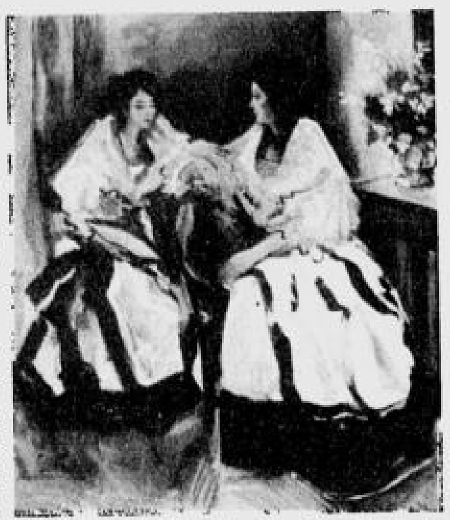
Bible-inspired: Poi with two of her paintings reproduced from the works of da Vinci, Rubens and Raphael

This Week

Art

Traits tres mode**—French fashion illustration now**, a traveling exhibit showcasing a diverse group of works from 15 internationally renowned fashion illustrators, graphic designers and animators. A total of 60 illustrations/panels will be mounted in plexiglass for the exhibit on Aug. 23, 8 p.m. at the Rockwell Tent. For details, call Alliance Francaise de Manille at 895-7585 and 895-7441 loc. 110.

Ayala Museum presents the second set of the exhibit, **Passionate Eyes: Federico Aguilar Alcuaz**. A catalog titled "Parallel Texts: Federico Aguilar Alcuaz with Dr. Rod. Paras-Perez is available for sale the MuseumShops. The exhibit may be viewed at the Ground Floor Gallery until Sept. 4. For details, call 757-7117.


Federico Aguilar Alcuaz's "Duet in Brown and White '82," on view at the Ayala Museum

Lui Medina forays into Freudian symbolism in her latest show, **Canned Thoughts**, at the Mag:net Paseo, G/F, Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas, corner Sedeño At., Makati City until Sept. 4. For details, call 817-7895.

Finale Art File presents **Cyclops**, a one-man show by Jayson Oliveria at the SM Megamall Art Center from Aug. 24 to Sept. 6.

Double Buff, a two-man exhibit of paintings by Jet Melencio and Kreskin Sugay, until Sept. 9 at Mag:net Gallery ABS, The Loop, ELJ Comm Center, ABS-CBN Compound. For details, call 410-0995.

The works of Italian sculptor Francesco Riccardo Monti are depicted in enlarged black and white photos and are featured in the exhibit **Francesco Riccardo Monti in the Philippines** until Sept. 30 at the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences along España, Manila.

Music

Germany-based Filipino tenor **Abdul Candao** is slated to perform on Aug. 31 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Little Theater as part of the Filipino Artists Series. Davao-born Abdul will serenade audiences with his unique brand of singing, with choice operatic pieces, art songs and Filipino songs. Interested parties can also check out the forthcoming FAS soloists, marimba player Dena Fernandez on Sept. 28 and pianist Mary Anne Espina (Nov. 23). Assisting pianist is Najib Ismail, a faculty member of the UST Conservatory of Music. For inquiries and series subscriptions, please contact the CCP Music Division (832-1125 loc. 1604-1605) and Marketing Department (832-3681). Call Ticketnet (991-5555), Ticketworld at National Bookstore and Tower Records (891-9999), and CCP Box Office (832-3704) for ticket reservations.

Onstage

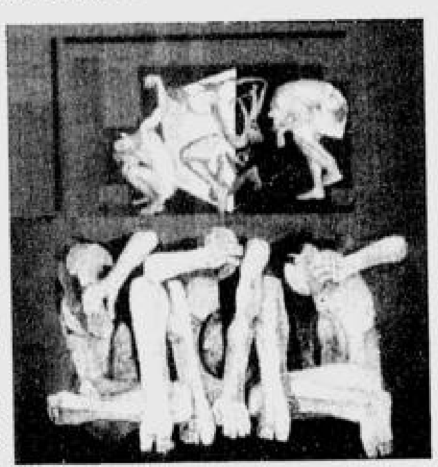
Choreographic works by Agnes Locsin inspired by selected art series by the late National Artist for Visual Arts Ang Kiukok will be presented in **Saya LikhANG KIUKOK, atbp** on Aug. 26 and 27 at the CAP Auditorium in Davao City and Sept. 3, 6 p.m. and Sept. 4, 3 p.m. at the CCP's Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. It is a collaborative, multimedia production, a union and reunion of dance, music and the visual arts. The show will feature music by Joey Ayala, lighting design by Monino Duque and set design by Gino Gonzalez. For ticket reservations, call Raquel Salvador at 832-1125 local 1802 or 832-3681.

Food

The **Richmonde Hotel** features four delightfully exquisite main course selections to complement the Grill's a la carte menu choices this August and September. Choose the from the following mouth-watering pork, chicken, beef and fish dishes: Seared Pork Tenderloin on Barbecue Orange and Tamarind Flavor Sauce; Soy Marinated Grilled Chicken on Sautéed Cantonese Noodles; Sautéed Marinated Beef in Soy Sauce, and Grilled Yellow Fin Tuna with Pineapple Salsa on Herbed Potatoes. The **Chef's Recommendations** are part of the Richmonde Grill's all-day dining menu and are available from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. For inquiries, call 638-7777 ext. 3409.

This September, Makati Shangri-La's Red features the **Trio of Red Soups**, a heartwarming sampler of Lobster Bisque, Seafood Minestrone with Basil Pesto and New England Clam Chowder. Follow this with a stunning entrée of Saddle of Pork with Blue Cheese, Red Onion Gratin and Parsley Potato in Madeira Sauce or the Steamed Nile Perch in Ginger Garlic Paste, Fried Green Onion and Baby Bockchoy Pilaf. For reservations, call 813-8888 ext. 7588 or 7599.

The Asian flair of **Herbs and Spices** will enliven your zest for a unique culinary experience through Dusit Hotel Nikko's authentic Asian specialty restaurants. Sample the appetizing culinary creations of Benjarong which highlights the flavors of kaffir leaves, chili and basil like Tam Pollamai (Thai style assorted fruit salad), Talay Gery Tuen (Fried seafood with herbs and chili), Kor Eek Jan (Deep fried fish, squid, shrimp with kaffir lime leaves, dried chili and cashew nuts) and Jeym Joon Talay (mixed seafood in Hot Pot with herbs and chili sauce, among others. For inquiries, call 867-3333.


Agnes Locsin's choreographic works to be staged at CCP and Davao

Savor authentic Chinese Cuisine with a modern international twist as **Edsa Shangri-La's Summer Palace** features **Chef's Recommendations** until Aug. 31. Executive Chinese Chef prepares steamed Chinese cabbage rolls with prawns, wok-fried egg with shark's fin and crab meat, deep-fried pork ribs with coffee sauce and braised prawns with fresh tomato sauce. The authentic menu features over 120 entrées and more than 40 dim sum choices. For reservations, call 633-8888 ext. 2738.

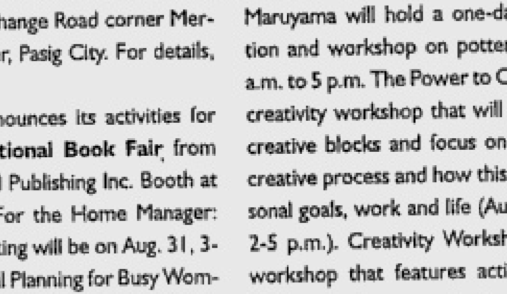
Try this trio of red soups at the Makati Shangri-La's Red

Atbp

The Big Binondo Food Bowl! Join guide Ivan ManDy as he horses around and takes visitors to discover the culinary and historical delights of Manila's Chinatown on Aug. 27. Meet inside the Binondo Church at 1 p.m. Slots limited. For dates, rates and pics, log on to www.oldmanilawalks.com. Text 0917- 3291622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com for details.

The Lopez Memorial Museum is once again offering its **Book Repair Workshop**. This is a hands-on workshop where participants will learn the various types of damage typically found in library collections and its repair options from mending paper tears, attaching loose pages, replacing end sheets, recasing a book in its original cover, etc. Loreto Apilado of the Cottage Industry Technology Center will facilitate the workshop for six Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon starting Sept. 3. Fee is P5,500 inclusive of materials. Slots limited to 12 participants only. The Lopez Memorial Museum is located at the ground floor, Benpres Building, Exchange Road corner Meralco Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. For details, call Fanny at 631-2417.

Anvil Publishing Inc. announces its activities for the **26th Manila International Book Fair** from Aug. 31-Sept. 4 at the Anvil Publishing Inc. Booth at the World Trade Center. For the Home Manager: Talks about food and parenting will be on Aug. 31, 3-5 p.m.—Maya Kitchen: Meal Planning for Busy Women; Sept. 1, 3-5 p.m. and Sept. 3, 1-3 p.m.—Cris Abiva: The Magic of Herbs and Spices 3M in the Home; Sept. 1 and 3, 3-5 p.m.—3M in the Home; Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Maribel Dioniso/Dr. Galvez: Raising Healthy and Independent Children, and from 3-5 p.m.—Maya Kitchen: Catering 101. For Mass Communications students and multimedia professionals: Isabel Kenny will teach students on how to make documentaries on Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oracle reading will be from 3-5 p.m. by Tony Perez and Spirit Questors. For Grade School Students: Lola Basyang Storytelling sessions will be held on Sept. 2 and 4 from 1-3 p.m. and Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested parties may call Marketing Department of Anvil Publishing Inc. at 747-1622.


Enjoy Kor Eek Jan at the Dusit Hotel Nikko's Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant

Gear up for the rainy reason with the latest designer jackets, fashion accessories, bags, shoes, items for the home, children's toys, gadgets and gizmos and many at **Shop@ Le Pav** bazaar on Aug. 27 and 28 at Le Pavillion, Metropolitan Park, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The bazaar also carries homemade deli items like pate, pasta sauces, spreads and many more. It is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Center for Asian Culinary Studies will hold the following **cooking classes**: Learn unique and tasty ways to cook salmon in Sumptuous Salmon 1 on Aug. 22, 1 to 4 p.m.; Infinite Tomato on Aug. 25; Simple Chinese Meal for the Home on Aug. 27; Simple Pate, Confit and Terrines on Aug. 28, and Pasta in a Flash on Aug. 30. To be held at 455 P. Guevarra St., San Juan, Metro Manila. For details, call 725-5089.

The historic Fort Santiago in Intramuros, Manila is the venue of a series of **photography courses** to be conducted by the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation. Another four-Sunday basic photo course will start on Sept. 11 while the four-Saturday advanced course is on Sept. 17. The basic course is open to all with little or no knowledge in photography and to students with photography as a requirement in their courses while the advanced course is for those who finished the basic course. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call Lerma Aquino at 843-5341 and 813-7420.

Specialty store Powerbooks celebrates its 8th anniversary with a big book blowout for avid readers. The **Powerbooks Powersale** is on with a month-long opportunity to purchase the books they have been longing to read for decidedly less the price and more of the value. Get a free coffee mug for every P2,500 worth of purchase and P2,000 worth for Powercard holders. Powerbooks has branches at Greenbelt, Megamall, Alabang Town Center, Glorietta, Shangri-La and Robinsons Ermita.

Women's Feature Service Philippines Inc. will hold **The Basic Documentation Training** on Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Orchid Garden Suites Manila. The course includes understanding key concepts of documentation, qualities of a good documenter, and team learning on the various forms of documentation (meetings, conferences, processes and projects for case writing) and other tips to record organization's activities. For details, call Aurora Rodriguez (0920-3838779), Kara Santos (0919-8764732) or the WFS Office (telefax 525-9721).

Art Informal's various art workshops: Noted Japanese stoneware artist and potter, Toushin Maruyama will hold a one-day lecture-demonstration and workshop on pottery on Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Power to Create, an eight-session creativity workshop that will deal with overcoming creative blocks and focus on the rudiments of the creative process and how this can be applied to personal goals, work and life (Aug. 27 to Oct. 15, from 2-5 p.m.). Creativity Workshop for Kids, a special workshop that features activities like storytelling, show-and-tell, automatic drawing and freeform writing (Sept. 4 to Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon). Art Informal is located at 277 Connecticut St., East Greenhills, Mandaluyong. For inquiries, call 725-8518.

MB&G/ProActive is now accepting reservations for the **Managing a Restaurant/Canteen seminar-workshop** slated for Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 at Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. It will cover topics such as planning the concept, menu, location, layout and equipment, hygiene and sanitation, human resource development and cost control, among others. For details, call 687-1787.

X-manila

The **Baguio Arts Guild** launches its **Weekend Arts School Project** offering courses in painting, drawing, sculpture, children's craft, theater, photography and videography, Cordillera dances and Cordillera Music, and writing workshops in Ilocano. Registration fee is P750 and P1,000 (inclusive of materials) a month. For inquiries and registration please visit Baguio Arts Guild, Greenhouse Effect Gallery, Botanical Garden or you can also text or call the following numbers: 0910-3754770; 0910-7694961; 0927-2318958.

Ayurveda Wellness Weekend. Spend a weekend of wellness and healing following the ancient Indian healing system of Ayurveda, with Fr. Jacob Gnalian, the leading Ayurveda practitioner in the Philippines. Discover effective and affordable alternative herbal cures to diseases for which western medicine has no effective remedy, such as arthritis, rheumatism, asthma, diabetes and hypertension. The Wellness Weekend will be held at the Forest Club (www.the-forest-cub.com) in Bay, Laguna on Sept. 9-11. The seminar fee is P3,500 inclusive of vegetarian meals, air-conditioned accommodations at the Forest Club. Interested participants may call Wawel Mercado at 0917-8312583 and 638-1741.

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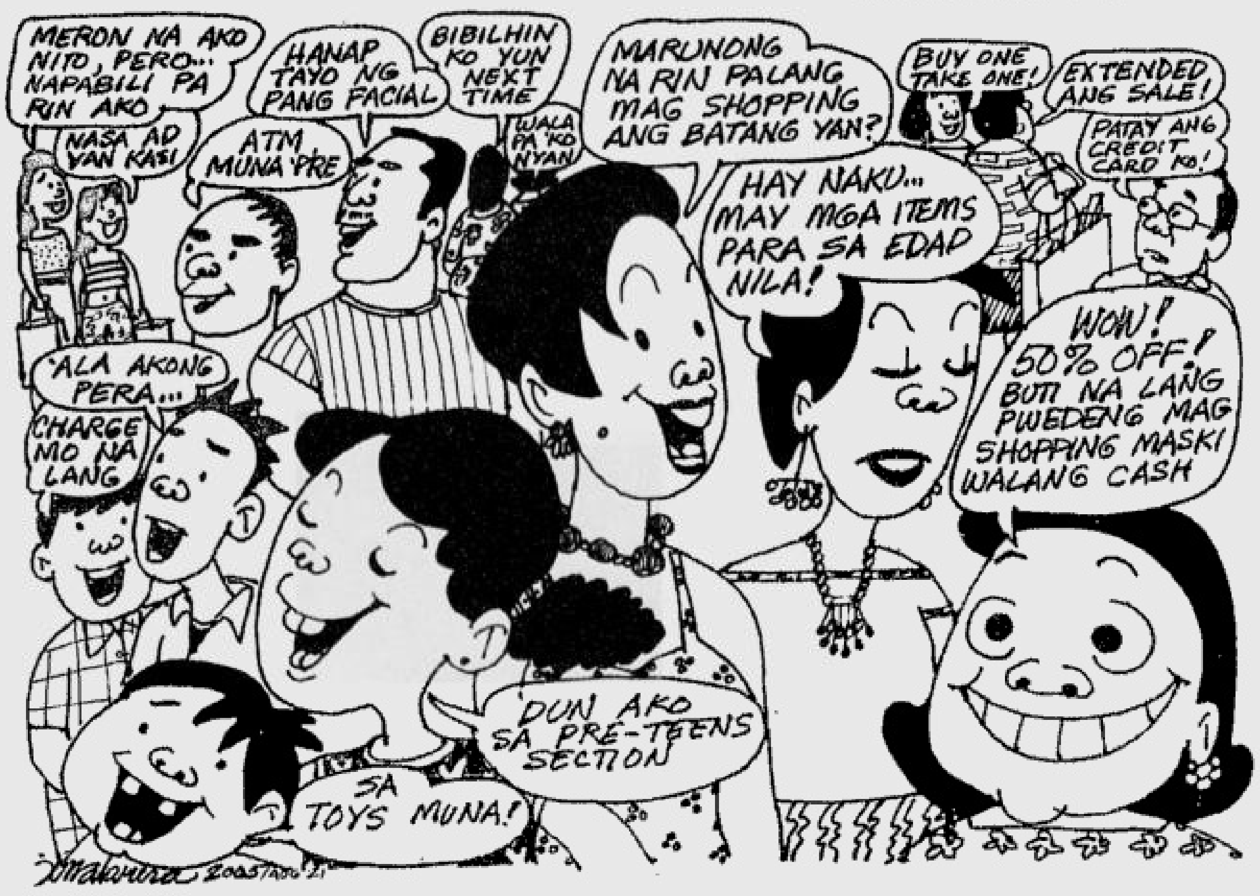
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Remembering

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TV control room and they would say, 'I'm sorry, You cannot direct here.' Because I was an Aquino and my brother was in jail. And I would be at home watching my own shows and I would be crying."

In 1978, she was fired from the station. "Suddenly, by orders from above, I could no longer direct. And I said, *teka muna!* Orders from above? And I would inquire, above what? First floor? Second floor? Third floor? And that was so painful. Super *sakit yun!* And then, I went to direct a movie. After I won the FAMAS, I had this movie *'Ibalik Mo ang Araw sa Mundong Makasalanan.'* But it never even got to the festival."

In her moment of desperation, Lupita met and fell in love with Ken Kashiwara, then the bureau chief and correspondent for ABC Television News. With him, she realized there was more to life than film and politics. "It's my second life," she says. "Now I'm a housewife. What's my biggest happening? Going to the grocery. In the States, instead of cameras, I learned to operate washing machines and the microwave oven. I learned to cook."

Lupita and Ken have been together for the last 27 years. "When you meet your soul mate, it is the best gift given to a person."

Professionally, she became involved with other things. In 1984, she delivered the commencement address at Bradford College in Massachusetts, detailing Ninoy's life and death.

Between 1985 and 1986, she headed the media bureau of Cory Aquino's presidential campaign, handling both the local and foreign press. In 1987, she handled the media coverage of Cory's candidates in the 1987 elections.

Lupita also played a key role in Cory's highly successful visit to the United States in 1986, helping to organize the tour and coordinate logistics and media coverage. In 1987, she served as Cory's personal representative at Martin Luther King's birthday celebration in Atlanta, Georgia, and at the Liberal International Congress on Human Rights in Ottawa, Canada. Since then, she has played a part in every presidential campaign in the country, including those of House Speaker Ramon Mitra in 1992, Manila Mayor Fred Lim in 1998 and Ms Arroyo last year.

A thin line

So who's the better talent—actors or politicians?

"There is a very thin line that separates them," says Lupita. "Both have to be very popular and have to be loved. *Hindi ba?* I mean, you won't go to a movie if you don't like it."

That seems to apply as well to people she's worked with, for whom she only has praises.

"Nora Aunor will sit down in a chair and you can have 10 different emotions coming out of her. She's that good. I still honestly believe that she's one of our national treasures," she gushes. Mitra, she says, was "a perfect gentleman," while Lim "is a General, so he had his approach."

And President Arroyo, she says, "is really one of the most intelligent persons I have worked with, and it's such a joy." The President, Lupita adds, is the prime example of her doing something because she believes in it. "Otherwise," she says, "why do it, if you don't like it? Life is too short. Why don't you do something you like to the best of your ability?"

So how is her job in Malacañang? "It's like this. You just help make sure that the background looks good, that the people in Malacañang look good. The content is theirs, *eh*. You don't tell them what to say or how to say, it or anything like that. You know, you don't direct, *eh*. You guide, more than anything else. I have never imposed anything on my stars. Never."

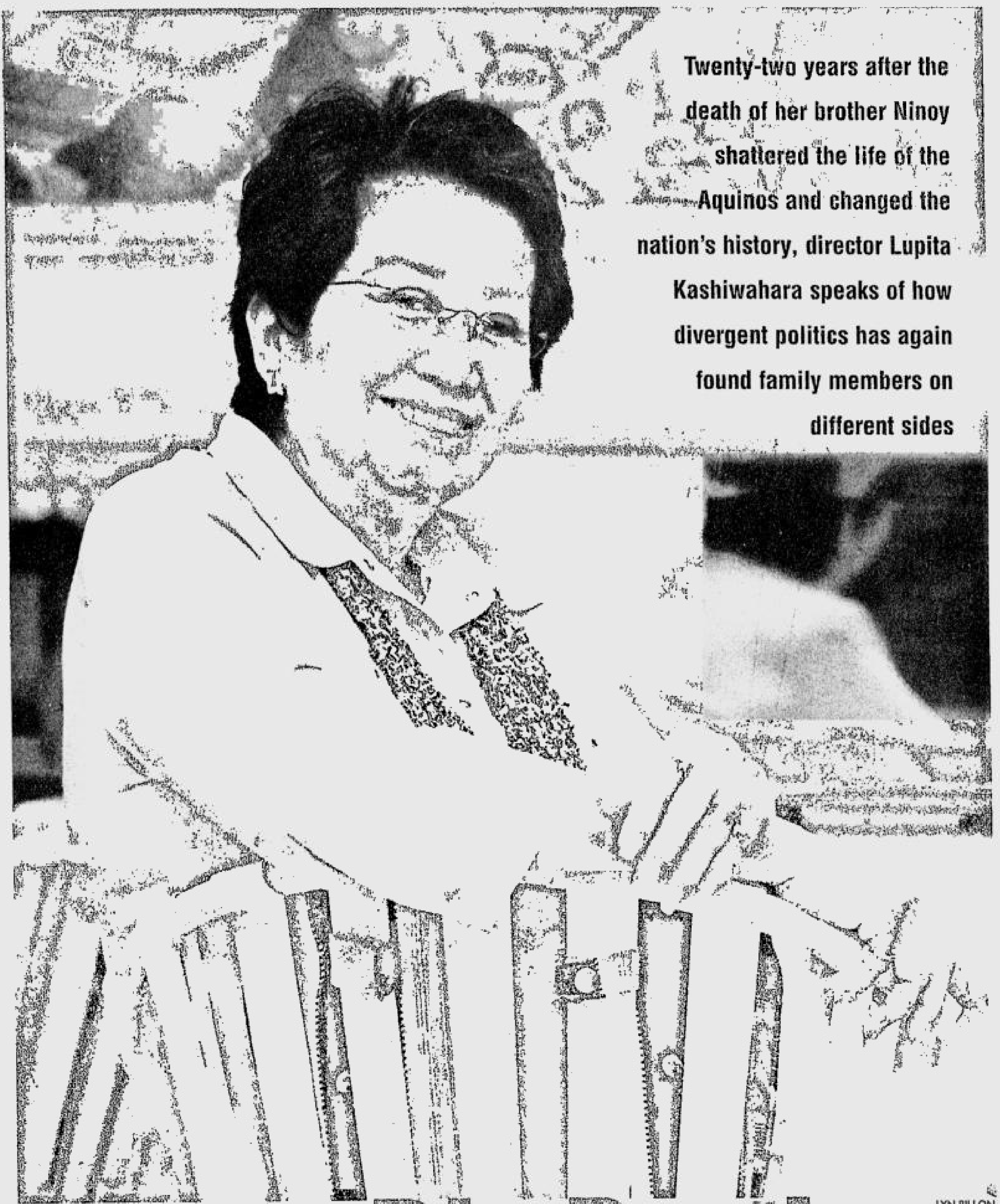
And Cory Aquino? "She's on the other side now, of course, but it's not bad. The only sad part is that we don't get the chance to see each other a lot, as I would like to, because we have such different schedules. I'm sure there are some members of your family that you see more often than others. That's just the way it is." ◼

Perspective

Remembering the Big Brother Who Changed Her Life

by Gerry Lirio

Twenty-two years after the death of her brother Ninoy shattered the life of the Aquinos and changed the nation's history, director Lupita Kashiwahara speaks of how divergent politics has again found family members on different sides



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"I AM supposed to be a ghost. I am not supposed to be seen. Why do you want to write about me?" protests Lupita Aquino-Kashiwara, former TV-movie director and famous sister of Sen. Ninoy Aquino, trying to avoid an Inquirer interview about her new job—that of reinventing the image of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"What's supposed to be seen is only the product of my work," she adds. She finally relents when told that the interview would be about her and Ninoy, who was gunned down—many believe by Marcos forces—when he came home from exile in the United States exactly 22 years ago today.

"This is my first interview in a long, long time," says Lupita before she could take a seat at the coffee shop of Manila Pavilion (formerly Manila Hilton), where Ninoy was arrested the night after martial law was declared in September, 1972.

In our family, she says, there are two kinds: "Those who are meant for the stage and those who work behind the scenes. Ninoy is number 1 among those meant to be onstage." She, of course, works offstage, she stresses.

Two passions

And that applies to her two passions: filmmaking and politics. The accomplished film director has several critically-acclaimed movies to her name, most of them depicting political conflicts. "*Minsa'y Isang Gamu-Gamo*," which stars Nora Aunor, takes a critical look at the American bases in the Philippines and won for Lupita a Famas award.

"I was the only woman at that time," she says. "This is such a macho industry. Only men were directors. So if I had any contribution, that would be it, you know. I opened the doors for the women." She also directed *"Alkitrang Dugo"* and *"Ibalik Mo ang Araw sa Mundong Makasalanan,"* which she admits are also political movies. "They're political because they deal with the people's struggle. In the movies, as in literature, there are only three main plots: men against men, men against nature, and men against God. The others are all sub-plots."

Her last movie, titled *"Babae"* starred Aunor, Judy Ann Santos and Nida Blanca. "It was an amazing movie," says Lupita. Nida Blanca won her first award in "Korea," whose script Ninoy wrote. "*'Babae'* gave her her last award before she died," the director says. This Social Studies graduate of Maryknoll (now Miriam) College who mastered in Communications at the American University in Washington D.C. also directed Aunor in her long-running, top-rating television shows "Superstar" and *"Makulay na Daigdig ni Nora."*

But despite her many awards as a director, Lupita is still referred to—rightly or wrongly—as Ninoy's sister, the fourth from the youngest in a brood of 11. Sometimes described as a female Ninoy, Lupita says she was very career-oriented when she was younger. "I had to overcome so many hurdles, like I was running out of time," she says. "Ninoy and I would always fight because he's a chauvinist and I'm a female chauvinist. If it's something chauvinistic, I'd never take it sitting down. That was our big discussion. And remember, I was with him very closely because aside from being family, I was also his TV director."

These days, Lupita says she is as fierce a supporter of President Arroyo, even as her sister-in-law, Ninoy's widow and former President Corazon Aquino, is a critic. Brother Paul Aquino is a government oil executive, while another brother, Makati Rep. Butz Aquino, is a close associate of opposition figure Sen. Panfilo Lacson, one of Arroyo's rivals in the presidential elections in 2004.

Different idea

If Ninoy were alive today, how would he figure in this controversy? Would he, like Cory, ask Ms. Arroyo to resign? Says Lupita: "To tell you frankly, I don't quite agree with the popular view. I have a different idea. It's actually two things. One way is to get cues and clues from how he led his life and reacted in certain situations. It's like a dinosaur. You get a small bone, and from there they build the whole dinosaur because they have tombs and everything else.

"But on the other hand, well, you'll never know, really. Because Ninoy is already dead. That's the tragedy of death. Not anybody else will be able to tell how he would react. Certain beliefs are basic and they never change, like his love for country—it's very real. But what he would do in a certain situation, we will never know."

"Idol": The female Ninoy and the original icon

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Like the rest of his family, herself included, Ninoy was his own man, says Lupita. "We have our own very definite and different ideas," she says of the divergent political views of the Aquino siblings and widow. "But the one thing that unifies us is when somebody attacks us. Then we close ranks."

Otherwise, she advises, it's better to keep their distance from each other. "We don't discuss politics anymore because it's too intense. And this is what I learned in politics. During a campaign, if your friends are on the opposite side, stay away from each other first.

"After the election, we get back to each other as if nothing has happened because the passions have waned, and you can talk with each other again," says Lupita. "You learn that from experience. I have been in politics for a long time. You cut my wrist, and politics would ooze out with my blood. It's in our family."

Great fondness

Politics aside, she confesses to a great fondness for older brother Ninoy. "He was always our hero," she says. "Did you know that I carried his picture in my wallet until I was about 17, 18 years old? *Matanda na ko*, picture *pa rin ni* Ninoy *ang daladala ko*. I followed his career. I guess I followed his path. I believed in him."

The thought that Ninoy was watching her films and her television shows, says Lupita, spurred her to work harder than most of her contemporaries. "I used to work for 16 hours straight. I would be so tired," she says. For that, she won an award practically every year, she adds. "But my biggest citation came from Ninoy. He was already in jail at that time, but after watching my movie, he said, *'Uy bata, ang ganda ng ginawa mo kagabi.* (You did well last night, kid)." That was the night she received her Famas trophy.

"In the loneliness of his cell, he exclaimed: 'God! God! *Kapatid ko nanalo!* (My sister won!).' When I heard that, it was the best trophy I could receive. He was really my idol for the longest time. That's why when he died my life changed —completely," recalls Lupita.

The change came slowly, starting shortly after Ninoy was arrested. She was then working in a government television station. "When martial law was declared, suddenly I was told I could no longer direct for whatever reason," Lupita recounts. "There were times when I would go to the

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The Aquino brood before politics took over

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